

THE CHICK PAPERS

Georgia Poultry Laboratory Network's Monthly Newsletter



Introducing our newest team member!



Dr. Kathleen Sary has recently joined the Georgia Poultry Laboratory Network as a Veterinary Director based in Gainesville, Georgia. Her interests are poultry health monitoring, diseases surveillance, data analysis, epidemiology and diagnostics.

I am excited to be joining this well-recognized organization in the heart of the Poultry Capital of the world! After recently celebrating 10 years as a graduated veterinarian, I am ready to leap into a position where I can continue servicing the poultry industry while tackling problems with a different angle with my skills and passion for epidemiology.

Kathleen graduated with a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from University of Montreal (Canada) and a Master in Veterinary Sciences also from University of Montreal. Before this, she obtained a Bachelor in Agricultural and Environment Sciences from McGill University (Canada).

Kathleen was first hired by a Canadian-based feed additive company as a technical representative. She then worked as a veterinary practitioner in live poultry operations with one of the top 3 Canadian poultry meat processor.

Beyond work experiences, I had the opportunity to travel internationally witnessing different realities of the poultry industry. As a student and as a graduated veterinarian, I felt compelled to contribute meaningfully to the agricultural sector. I enjoyed providing training workshops, troubleshooting and connecting with producers. My care and professionalism shined forth through working collaboratively with flock owners, allies and the industry on disease challenges.

Kathleen's desire to deepen her knowledge in diseases prevention, monitoring and control to enhance decision-making brought her to enrolled in a Master in Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health.

Flock owners' success and livelihood are tightly tied to the health and performance of their flocks whether in North America or internationally! I believe veterinarians in agriculture have a significant role to promote health programs, good biosecurity practices and in the field investigations. Being able to analyze and to make decisions based on data are becoming essential skills. The sum of my varied experiences, whether in Salmonella control or HPAI prevention, have brought me to this exciting new role at GPLN. My objective is to support the Georgia poultry business in diagnostic, in disease surveillance, and analysis for a thriving and sustainable industry. I am also excited to learn and share experiences with poultry professionals in the USA.

After 15 hours drive and crossing 7 states, Kathleen is happy to settle in Georgia - with her husband and her cat! We are so pleased to have her here. Join us in welcoming her!

Interests:

I enjoy hiking and outdoor activities, food and wine, and travel!!



LEFT: Franklin-Hart Macaroni Kid organized a field trip to our lab for some of the homeschoolers in the area. It was fun to show them more about the industry beyond the farm.



Georgia Representative David Huddleston visited the lab along with Carroll County Young Farmers and Mike Giles, the Georgia Poultry Federation president.

RIGHT: Bernie Garcia & Lina Cook from our local Pinnacle Bank toured the lab after teaching their homebuyer education class for some of our employees. They loved seeing the familiar places on the diorama!



The Waltman family made a special visit during the NPIP Salmonella Workshop to hear their father speak in a professional setting. This was a first for them!



It's not everyday we get the opportunity to tour around Georgia Department of Agriculture team members despite working closely with them. We were happy to show Dr. Gary Billings, Kevin Gay, Aaron Knight, and Jonathan Bryant around our facility this November.



Chief Veterinary Officers from the Caribbean were able to visit the lab this November, which was coordinated by The USA Poultry & Egg Export Council and The University of Georgia.



The 2023 NPIP Salmonella Workshop participants spent 3 full days at the lab refreshing their knowledge of salmonella testing. There were 10 different states represented at this workshop.



Ivester Early College of Hall County is a fun group to tour! This group of young minds were eager to learn about the opportunities within the industry.



North Hall High School Biotechnology students, led by Cynthia Greer, were excited as they recognized technology they are learning to use in their class while touring the lab.

