

Texas Poultry Federation Newsletter

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2018 ANNUAL TPF CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

The 95th Annual Texas Poultry Federation Convention was held in San Antonio July 12 - 14, this year. Activities included a golf tournament, skeet tournament, spouse program, Western Party with scholarship auction, and awards breakfast. At the TPF board meeting, Paul Sandel, Hy-Line North America, was elected president. Keith Staggs, Holmes Foods, was elected 1st vice president. Vice presidents include: Stephen Fuchs, Ideal Poultry Breeding Farms; Judy McGarry, Hy-Line North America; Bruce Montgomery, Wharton Co. Foods; Don Valis, Tyson Foods; and Keith Wingert, Cargill Turkey Production.

Awards given at the Western Party were the Golden Feather Award, the Salesman of the Year Award, and the Family Farm Environmental Excellence Award. Todd Walters, Cal-Maine Foods, was awarded the Golden Feather Award this year. Todd was born and raised in Clinton, MS. He served 6 years in the National Guard, where he was part of Desert Storm. After finishing his time with the National Guard, he attended Mississippi State University where he graduated with a degree in Poultry Science. He worked briefly with Sanderson Farms before joining Cal-Maine Foods in 1997. From there he served in managerial positions in Kansas, New Mexico, and Ohio before being named Vice President of Operations for multiple divisions in Texas. He has served as President of the Texas Poultry Federation and Texas Egg Council.

Charles "Ace" Blankenburg, MWI Animal Health, was awarded the Salesman of the Year Award this year. Charles grew up in Texas, working on a family farm and is a graduate of Texas A&M University. His first job was doing research and development working on innovation in the Food and Agriculture sectors. He joined the poultry industry 10 ½ years ago in sales with IVESCO and then MWI Animal Health.

Jordan and Megan Shepherd, Spurrin' S Farms, received the Family Farm Environmental Excellence Award presented by Paul Bredwell, U.S. Poultry & Egg Association.

Thank you to all who participated in the TAPA Scholarship auction either as someone who donated an item or who bid on and/or purchased an item. Donators: Golden Feather Group – Monroe Fuchs, Gib Burton, Ralph Simmons, David Jenkins, Jerry Autry, Bob Hendrix, James Grimm, Vincent Reina, Sr., Gary Fuchs, Bob Palm, Pal Lester, Phillip Morris, Mike Neal, Terry Wright, Drs. James Miner, Floyd Golan, John Carey, and Travis Cigainero. Memorials: Tommy Bozka, Delvin Barrett, Ernest Mahard and Dr. Fred Thornberry; Tom & Pam Lester, The Keith Staggs Family, Aviagen – Vaughn King, Dr. John and Carol Carey, Holloway Crappie Fishing – Joey Holloway, Gib & Teri Burton, Boehringer Engelheim – Johnny Murray, Bubba & Gina Bozka, Tyson Foods, Aggieland Outfitters, Tribbie & Colten Grimm, Nutra Blend – John Budd, Gregg & LaVada McCoury, Texas A&M Poultry Science Dept., Hyatt Regency Riverwalk, Silverhorn Golf Club, Phileo LaSaffre – Paul Price, James & Walline Grimm, The Vincit Group – Eric Killen, Sunbelt Rentals – Bart Smith, Ideal Poultry Breeding Farms – The Fuchs Family, Kerry Morgan, David & Bonnie Elbel, First National Bank of Shiner – Ryan Spann, The Bozka Girls, Ag Workers Mutual Ins., Rural Issues Consulting – Bob & Mona Turner, NutriQuest – Shannon Burasco, Senator Lois Kolkorst, Senator Bryan Hughes, Representative Drew Springer,

Representative John Cyrier, Representative Kyle Kacal, Representative James White, Sterilex/MWI – Paula Courtney, Ecodrum Composing – Byron Irwin, Diversified Agriculture – Sid Coufal, Representative Travis Clardy, Representative Charles Anderson, Representative John Kuempel, Senator Charles Schwertner, Representative Trent Ashby, and Nest Fresh Texas – Randy Boone.

Buyers include: Capital Farm Credit – Tim Knesek, Cobb-Vantress – Charles Swain, Aviagen – Vaughn King, Pilgrim’s – Cecil Jackson, Service Uniform – Kenneth Stewart, Aviagen – Billy Hufford, Lester Farms – Ricky Lester, Merck – Holly Duck, Phillip & Becky Morris, Elanco – Marty Allen, Pilgrim’s – Robert & Sara Ferguson, Debbie Tieken, Novus – Gary Warren, Tom Lester, Paul & Dawn Sandel, US Poultry & Egg – Paul Bredwell, Dr. John Carey, James Grimm, L&R Farms – Ralph & Laura Simmons, Ideal Poultry – Janet Crouch, Diversified Agriculture – Sid Coufal, Tucker & Kadon Ellis, Phil & Donna Koehler, Sanderson Farms – Katie Burt, Colten Grimm, Ken & Melanie Callahan, Trent Rabke, Steel Wheel Construction – Brittany Brinkman, Ideal Poultry – Kevin Crouch, Kelli Kenney, Jess Chadick, Bob Turner, Hubbard – Steve Crosson, Bill Barr & Co. – Howard Bodine, Cal-Maine – Michael Ermon, Cal-Maine – Davis Wilbourn, Sunbelt Rentals – Stacy Morgan, and Riley Handley. Cash donations: Jake’s Finer Foods, Nancy Thornberry, Brent Tieken, Elanco, Hy-Line, David & Bonnie Elbel, and Dr. Fred Thornberry Memorial.

Upcoming events: Texas Poultry Federation Board Meeting, August 29, College Station, TX. Texas Broiler Symposium, September 18 – 19, Nacogdoches, TX. The contract has been signed for the 2019 convention at the Hyatt Riverwalk San Antonio. The dates are July 11 - 13, 2019.

THANK YOU LETTERS FROM AWARD RECIPIENTS

To All in the Texas Poultry Industry,

I would like to express my deepest thanks and gratitude to our great poultry industry for choosing me as the Salesman of the Year at the 2018 Annual Texas Poultry Federation Convention. I am honored and truly blessed to receive this award. I was very fortunate to be welcomed into this industry over 10 years ago and have developed many close relationships with customers whom I consider good friends now. I look forward to serving this industry many more years with the same passion and excitement that I had upon entering it. May God Bless each and every one of you!

Respectfully,
Charles Blankenburg
AmerisourceBergen
Integrator Poultry Territory Manager
MWI Animal Health

To the Texas Poultry Federation and Industry:

I would like to give you all a big “thank you” for the honor of receiving the TPF Golden Feather Award during the 2018 convention. It is such a privilege to be the recipient of this award and I appreciate it greatly. The members of this industry and federation are a special group of people that I have gotten to know and admire over the last 7 years and I look forward to more years of friendships and partnerships with you all. Our industry is under more pressure and scrutiny than we have ever faced before whether it be regulations, activists, or environmental issues and I am glad to have colleagues like you to tackle those challenges. There is no doubt that we will prevail and be successful as we do our part in feeding the country and the world. Thanks again and keep up the hard work!

Sincerely,
Todd Walters