

TPF NEWSLETTER

TPF 98th Annual Convention

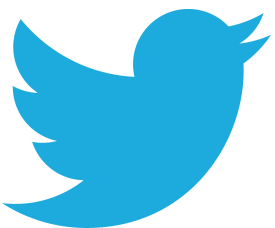
July 14- 16, 2022

Hyatt Regency Riverwalk
San Antonio, Texas



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TPF CONVENTION DETAILS

We are excited to host our 98th annual convention in just a few short weeks!

If you have not registered yet, you may do so here:

<https://www.texaspoultry.org/events/Registration.cfm>

Check in for TPF Convention:

- Thursday, July 14th from 2PM to 7PM
- Friday, July 15th from 10AM to 6:30PM

Golf Tournament

Friday, July 15th

Silverhorn Golf Club

1100 W. Bitters Road, San Antonio, Texas 78216

8:00 AM

Cost: \$100.00

Chairmen: Keith Staggs, Jim Basler, Howard Bodine

23rd Annual Jimmy Singleton Sport Shoot

Friday, July 15th

Bexar County Shooting Range

15391 Bexar Bowling, Marion, TX 78124

Start time 8:00 AM

Cost: \$100.00

Chairmen: Gene Waggoner, Kevin Odenbach

Awards Dinner and Texas Allied Poultry Auction

Friday, July 15th

Hyatt Regency Hotel, Regency Ballroom

6:00 PM

The Golden Feather Award, Salesman of the Year Award, and the Family Farm Award will be presented during the awards dinner.

Presidents Breakfast

Saturday, July 16th

Hyatt Regency Hotel, Regency Ballroom

9:00 AM

Cost: \$30.00

The President Plaques will be presented at this event. Door prizes will also be given away during the breakfast.

Participants must be registered for the convention and paid in advance to participate in golf or the skeet shoot. No walkup registrations at the golf course or the shooting range will be taken.

There are no refunds for this event.

Spouse Program

Friday, July 15th

MAVERICK WHISKEY DISTILLERY TOUR AND LUNCH

115 Broadway, San Antonio, Texas 78205

12:45 PM

Cost: \$30.00

Our spouses program will be lunch and a tour of the Maverick Whiskey Distillery, located just steps from the Hyatt Regency. Lunch will be at the distillery at 1:00 PM, with a tour of the facility following our meal. Lunch will be served in a family style setting with both chicken and beef options to choose from.

For more convention information visit: <https://www.texaspoultry.org/events/convention.cfm>

2ND ANNUAL FISHING TOURNAMENT

We had a great turnout for our 2nd Annual Fishing Tournament, held April 21-22, 2022 at Lake Texoma. We had 33 boats with around 100 participants. We would like to give a special thanks to Todd Walters and Michael Ermon for chairing this event and making it such a success. We were able to raise over \$15,000 for the scholarship fund.

1ST PLACE TEAM



2ND PLACE TEAM



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TEXAS LEGISLATIVE NEWS

STATE BUDGET

The Comptroller has predicted that Texas should have around \$25 billion surplus at the end of the current biennium (Aug. 31, 2023).

STATE TAXES

Serious consideration is being given to use part of the surplus to buy down school property tax rates and give relief to Texas property owners.

INTERIM HEARINGS

Senate- The Senate Business & Commerce Committee will be studying issues that impact the electric grid.

The Senate Finance Committee will be studying how Texas can lower property taxes.

The Senate Water, Ag, and Rural Affairs Committee will be studying water infrastructure, supply, and groundwater protection. The committee is also studying rural employment and meat packing facilities.

House- The House Committee on Natural Resources is studying the state's groundwater management policies and regulatory framework.

The House Committee on State Affairs will be studying how to provide broadband service across the state and issues regarding the electric grid.

The House Ways & Means Committee will be studying property tax reform and how to improve appraisal districts.

These hearings will continue until late fall when reports are written and submitted to the 88th Legislature that will convene on Jan. 10, 2023.

PORT OF HOUSTON

Due to a shortage of chassis, the port of Houston declared on Jan. 27, 2022, the Port of Houston would now require all reefers to be on chassis and could no longer be grounded at the plug. The result of this proclamation could have been disastrous for all parties involved if companies would have been forced to begin diverting shipments to other ports.

TPF briefed state, federal, and local officials on the seriousness of the situation and joined with an ad hoc alliance of associations to develop solutions working with USDA and the USDOT. This initiative is moving forward and appears to be doable with funding from both federal agencies.

BROADBAND

The Legislature recently passed broadband legislation to ensure that Texans have access to the high-speed Internet across the state. The Comptroller's office recently completed a listening tour to gather input and looks to begin accepting applications for funding and implementation in October.

ELECTRIC GRID

As a result of winter storm Uri, the legislature passed significant legislation to consider market reforms and weatherization of the grid. The market reforms are still being considered, generators have weatherized their facilities, and this past week the PUC and RRC adopted a map identifying all other critical infrastructure that must be weatherized.

IMPORTANT UPDATES



TEXAS STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

UPDATE: POULTRY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN PROGRAM

Background: In 2001, the 77th Legislature amended the Texas Water Code to require all persons who own or operate a poultry facility to implement and maintain a Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) that is certified by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB). The law requires all existing poultry farms to have a certified WQMP to operate and requires new farms to have a certified WQMP prior to placing birds on the farm. In 2009, the 81st Legislature added requirements for certain farms that could require an Odor Control Plan.

The U.S. avian influenza outbreak has so far affected only 1 small pheasant flock in Texas in Erath County. TSSWCB staff are currently refraining from visiting poultry farms except as necessary to avoid potential issues.

There are currently 1232 active poultry WQMPs in 55 counties in Texas.

So far in FY 2022 there have been 93 poultry WQMPs certified, with 21 new and 72 revisions. Additionally, poultry staff certified 4 new and 3 recertified non-poultry WQMPs.

In FY 2022, there have been 43 odor control plans submitted to TCEQ for approval. 21 of those were new OCPs, 15 transfers, and 7 revisions. There have been 304 new OCPs submitted since 2009 when the requirement began, equating to 25% of the total 1232 existing WQMPs covered by an Odor Control Plan.

Submitted by Molly Christensen (TSSWCB)

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TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION

With the cool weather of spring behind us and the Texas heat in full pursuit, the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) is optimistic the risk of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has moved on with the migratory waterfowl.

While Texas may have fared better than other states in containing the disease, the Texas poultry industry was impacted by the confirmation of HPAI in a commercial pheasant flock in Erath County on April 3, 2022. With this confirmation, Texas became the 26th state confirmed with the virus. In total, 36 states and 358 flocks nationwide have been affected as of June 2, 2022.

Following the detection of HPAI, TAHC worked quickly to remove the affected flock and conduct necessary surveillance, testing, virus elimination, and cleaning and disinfecting of the premises. On May 6, 2022, the affected premises was released from quarantine. Currently, there are no poultry operations restricted or affected by HPAI in Texas. By the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) standards, Texas was considered free of HPAI as of May 19, 2022.

The TAHC continues to plan and train for future disease outbreaks and is committed to providing education and outreach for the mitigation of poultry diseases. In this regard, please contact TAHC should you have any questions or need resource information. As always, we encourage you to join us in planning and training to best protect Texas poultry!

Submitted by: Callie Ward (TAHC)

TEXAS A&M VETERINARY MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC LAB

TVMDL is actively involved in two research projects aimed at protecting the state and nation's poultry populations. Last year, TVMDL was part of a team awarded a \$300,000 grant through the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) to develop rapid and reliable Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS) testing protocols to identify influenza A viruses in birds and predict their pathogenicity. The project also plans to develop methods of analyzing biological data (bioinformatics). More recently, TVMDL is rounding out another project through NAHLN that aims to develop a universal real-time PCR test to distinguish between Newcastle disease virus (NDV) strains. This project will help create a databank of all publicly available NDV sequences. Data will be used to determine common sequences that will lend toward the development of a test that will detect all genetic variants of NDV.

Submitted by: Mallory Pfeifer & Sydney Rosario (TVMDL)

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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY POULTRY SCIENCE

The Texas A&M University Poultry Science Department is excited about recent events and new progress! The department had 34 students graduate in May, 32 undergraduates and 2 Master's students. Construction on the new Biosafety Level 2 Intestinal Disease Facility at the research farm is scheduled to be complete in late June. The department would again like to thank Merck Animal Health and Tyson Foods for their generous contributions towards making the addition of this facility possible. Two teaching positions in the Poultry Science Department have recently been approved by the College and advertised. The first position is a Lecturer and the second is an Instructional Assistant Professor, which are both non-tenure, teaching positions. The department is hopeful that the positions will be filled by the Fall 2022 Semester.

This summer, Texas A&M Poultry Science will be busy with numerous activities with youth across Texas. They are working closely with the Texas 4-H to establish a new program in which a group of selected high schoolers will become Texas Youth Poultry Ambassadors. This program is built to foster educational opportunities including poultry industry operations, basic poultry science, and production agriculture advocacy. The department will also be hosting its first ever multi-day Poultry Judging Camp for youth ages 9-18. Texas Poultry Federation will have the opportunity to interact with a few of the Aggie Poultry Ambassadors at Convention in July.

In April 2022, the department hosted its annual awards banquet where they presented numerous scholarships to deserving students and awarded two new distinguished awards. Over \$113,000 in scholarships was awarded to incoming and current students, with approximately \$25,000 of this amount contributed from the Texas Broiler Council. Additionally, the Texas Allied Poultry Association awarded \$32,500 in scholarships during the Spring of 2022, and those students were recognized at the banquet. The first new award given at the banquet this year was the "Former Student Service Award" which was presented to Mr. Keith Staggs, Class of 1994, in recognition of his time and efforts dedicated to student activities, teaching and professional development. The second distinguished award was the "Outstanding Poultry Science Department Supporter Award," which was presented to William "Bill" (Class of 1953) and Barbara Huffman in recognition of their contributions to the department for the establishment of an Endowed Chair in Poultry Science and award display case for the department's Poultry Judging Team. The department looks forward to continuing to recognize supporters of students and programs in the years to come.

We look forward to
seeing everyone at
Convention in July!



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