

TEXAS POULTRY FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

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97th Annual Texas Poultry Convention Thank You

The 97th annual Texas Poultry Convention was held in San Antonio from July 15 to July 17. A big thank you to all who sponsored the activities throughout the event! In addition, a special thank you to those that dedicated their time to help the event run smoothly:

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Golf Tournament Committee:

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Jimmy Singleton Skeet Shoot Committee:

Ken Callahan, Gregg McCoury, Gene Waggoner

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22nd Jimmy Singleton Skeet Shoot

The skeet shoot was held July 16th at the Bexar County Shooting Range. This year, 70 participants registered for the shoot and helped raise \$5,000 for the scholarship fund. Plenty of clays were shot and a great time was had by all! A big thank you to all who sponsored this year's skeet shoot:

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Annual Golf Tournament

The annual golf tournament was held July 16th at Silverhorn Golf Club. 64 golfers participated in the shoot and helped raise \$5,000 for the scholarship fund. A great time was had by all! A big thank you to all who sponsored this year's golf tournament:

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Spouses Program

The spouse program was held July 16th. Attendees took a river boat tour on the San Antonio River followed by a lunch at Joe's Crab Shack. Thank you to all the sponsors of this year's spouses program:

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Thank You to the Aggie Poultry Ambassadors

Each year, Poultry Science students from Texas A&M University join us at our annual convention. This year, five students from the Aggie Poultry Ambassador group traveled to San Antonio to represent the department and help out during our silent and live auctions. Thank you to Eric Shield, Lacey Garrett, Haley Davis, Brett Misinger, and Nikolas Faust for all of your help during this year's convention!



97th Annual Texas Poultry Federation Dinner & Awards Program

July 16 | Hyatt Regency Riverwalk | San Antonio

The 97th Annual Texas Poultry Federation Dinner and Awards program was held the evening of July 16. Over 300 members and supporters of the Texas poultry industry came together to enjoy food and fellowship as we reflected on the past year. A big thank you to all of our sponsors of this event. Your support helped make this dinner a fun and enjoyable event for all!

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Family Farm Environmental Award

The Family Farm Environmental Award was presented to the Smitherman Ranch Broiler Farm. Robert & Christie Smitherman of Franklin, Texas have raised broilers for the Sanderson Farms Waco division for the past seven years. They have continually improved their land with the utilization of chicken litter as fertilizer. With these improvements, they have increased the quantity and quality of the hay they produce. In addition, they have also improved their barns by adding turbo feeders and improved lighting. This has led to an increase in feed efficiency and a decrease in waste. We want to congratulate Robert and Christie Smitherman for their contributions to minimizing environmental impacts and improving land resources.



Robert & Christie Smitherman with Mr. Paul Bredwell



Doug Hopkins, 2021 Salesman of the Year recipient with
Judy McGarry, 2020 Salesman of the Year recipient

Salesman of the Year Award

The recipient of the 2021 Salesman of the Year award is Mr. Doug Hopkins. Mr. Hopkins was born and raised in Parker County Texas and is a graduate of Peaster High School. Upon graduating, he continued his education at Weatherford College where he received his associate degree. He continued his education and graduated in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Education from Texas Tech University and a master's degree in Agricultural Education from Tarleton State University in 2006. Doug was heavily involved with FFA at both the high school and collegiate levels.

For the last 9 years, Doug has worked for Motomco and is currently the Business Manager for Canada and the West Central U.S. He manages a territory that encompasses 5 states and all of Canada. This is a unique territory that requires both technical and regulatory product knowledge along with key account management ranging from distributors, farm stores, dealers, and producer integrators. While Doug has a widespread and diverse territory, he takes pride in serving each customer and ensuring their needs are met. Being a part of the ag sales industry and specifically working with producer integrators alongside distributors is an area he has a distinct passion for. There is proof of his passion in many of the working relationships and friendships he has built within the industry.

He has been married to his wife Amanda for almost 4 years and is the proud father of 2 girls. Kaylee is 16 and Emmaline is 15 months. When Doug is not working, he enjoys spending time with his girls, tending to his cattle, and you can often find him cooking on his smoker for friends and family to enjoy.

Congratulation to Mr. Doug Hopkins the 2021 Salesman of the Year recipient!

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Golden Feather Award

The last award given during our awards program was the Golden Feather award. This award is the highest award given to a member of the Texas poultry industry. The 2021 Golden Feather recipient is Mr. Don Valis.

Don Valis was born in Gonzales County and raised in Shiner, TX. He attended St. Paul's School and graduated in 1973. He continued his education at Blinn Junior College and graduated from Southwest Texas State University with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture.

Don has served both the egg-laying and the broiler industries and his first job in the industry was with Cal-Maine Foods as a hatchery manager in Gonzales, Texas. He then went on to work 9 years for Hy-Line as a production manager in Bryan, Texas. Don started a new chapter in his career by moving to the broiler industry. In 1989, he started with Tyson Foods in Gonzales, Texas as a broiler service tech and through the years held the positions of Hatchery Manager, Breeder Manager, and Live Production Manager.

Don has been married to his wife Gina for 39 years and has 3 children: Garrett, Haley, and Jessica. Over the years he has been blessed with 8 grandchildren: Luke, Hattie, Colt, Harper, Ava, Asher, Francesca, and Olivia. Don recently retired this year after 43 years in the industry. When he is not with family, you can find him enjoying both hunting and fishing.

Congratulation to Mr. Don Valis the 2021 Golden Feather award recipient!



Don Valis, 2021 Golden Feather recipient with Ken Callahan, 2020 Golden Feather Recipient

Texas Allied Poultry Association Annual Scholarship Auction

July 16 | Hyatt Regency Riverwalk | San Antonio

The Texas Allied Poultry Association held its annual scholarship auction Friday night immediately following the Texas Poultry Federation dinner. Our auctioneer this year was Kevin Gleason, assisted by Ken Callahan.

Your support helped raise \$50,000 for the scholarship fund!

Thank you to all who donated items and placed bids. A listing of these individuals can be found at the end of this newsletter.



Texas Poultry Federation President's Breakfast Recap

July 17 | Hyatt Regency Riverwalk | San Antonio

Saturday, July 17 the annual President's Breakfast was held. During this event, our current federation and affiliate presidents were thanked for their service and presented their presidential plaques. A raffle drawing was held for the shotgun generously donated by Stephen F. Austin State University. This raffle generated \$1,100 for our scholarship fund. Thank you to all who sponsored this event!

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Texas Poultry Federation president, Michael Ermon closed out the 97th Annual Texas Poultry Federation convention by handing over the gavel to the incoming president, Kevin Odenbach. Kevin ended the breakfast with the announcement of the dates for the 98th Annual Texas Poultry Federation convention which will be held at the Hyatt Regency Riverwalk in San Antonio, Texas, from July 14 to July 16, 2022. We look forward to seeing you all next year!

2021 Federation & Affiliate Presidents

Texas Poultry Federation

President, Michael Ermon

Texas Broiler Council

President, Heath Sellers

Not able to attend

Texas Egg Council

President, Sean Roberts

Not able to attend

Texas Allied Poultry Association

President, Doug Hopkins

Texas Poultry Improvement Association

President, Kevin Odenbach



Incomming 2022 President, Kevin Odenbach with 2021 President, Michael Ermon

Texas Allied Poultry Association Annual Scholarship Auction

Auction Donations & Buyers Listing

Thank you to all who donated items!

The Golden Feather Group:

Gib Burton, Phillip Morris, Bob Hendrix, Ralph Simmons, David Jenkins, Gary Fuchs, Monroe Fuchs, Bob Palm, Pal Lester, Bob Turner, James Grimm, Todd Walters, Ken Callahan, Terry Wright, Jerry Autry, Keith Staggs, Mike Neal, Dr. James Miner, Dr. Floyd Golan, Dr. John Carey, Dr. Travis Cigainero, in memory of Tommy Bozka, in memory of Vincent Reina Sr., and in memory of Dr. Fred Thornberry.

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Thank you to all the auction buyers!

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