

WSU PUYALLUP HIGHLIGHT

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Avian Influenza leads topics at Poultry Institute



Avian Influenza (AI) is a subject of great concern to health officials, poultry producers and the general public. In October, the USDA gave a day-long public briefing on Avian Influenza at the Sheraton Hotel in Tacoma and in early November, WSU Puyallup presented the annual Poultry Institute. Under the direction of Dr. A. Singh Dhillon, Professor of Avian Pathology at the Avian Health and Food Safety Laboratory in Puyallup, the Institute hosted approximately fifty people representing the USDA, WSDA, public health agencies, and commercial poultry producers.

A USDA Coordinator spoke on the National AI Surveillance Program and four speakers from Washington State University addressed AI, vaccinations, biosecurity and HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point) for process control. Two speakers from Oregon State University presented findings on the effects of light on egg production and molting and the role of early feeding in immune responses in broiler chickens. A guest speaker from Pennsylvania State University discussed the 2001 AI outbreak in Pennsylvania and the disease in live bird markets.

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