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SAVE THE DATE FOR ANIMAL AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY BREAKFAST ON AUGUST 9
Ag Professionals Are Invited to the 2023 Industry Breakfast on Biosecurity in the Animal Ag Industry

Harrisburg, Pa. – Pennsylvania agriculture professionals, as well as dairy, beef, poultry, pork and small ruminant producers, are invited to the 2023 Animal Agriculture Industry Breakfast on Biosecurity. The industry breakfast will be held on Wednesday, August 9 during the 2023 Ag Progress Days. The event will include a free breakfast and conversations about biosecurity on Pennsylvania farms. The event is free but pre-registration is required at www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/industry-breakfast or by calling 717-346-0849.

The Center for Dairy Excellence, Center for Beef Excellence, Center for Poultry & Livestock, PA Beef Producers Working Group, Penn State Extension, and PA Department of Agriculture are partnering to host the industry breakfast.

“Everyone has a role to play in biosecurity. Ensuring the safety of our food supply is essential. When HPAI hit Pennsylvania in April of 2022, we thought we were prepared. We quickly realized that we had a lot of obstacles to overcome,” said Chloe Patrick, Executive Director for the Center for Poultry and Livestock Excellence. “We want to share what we have learned in terms of readiness and response with all of agriculture. This Industry Breakfast meeting will give you an opportunity to learn what worked, what did not work, and what you can do to be prepared.”

During the breakfast, attendees will learn about resources and actionable steps they can take to assist their animal agriculture producer customers in developing and executing biosecurity plans to protect their operations. Dr. Hayley Springer, Dr. John Boney, Dr. Mina Kalley and Secretary Russell Redding will speak during the breakfast followed by a question-and-answer discussion.

View more details about the speakers and the event:

- **When:** Wednesday, August 9 from 7-9 a.m.
- **Where:** Special Events Building at Ag Progress Days
2710 W. Pine Grove Road
Pennsylvania Furnace, PA 16865

- **Cost:** Free, but individuals must pre-register. Visit www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/industry-breakfast or call 717-346-0849.
- **Speakers:**
 - **Biosecurity Planning & What it Means for Producers with Dr. Hayley Springer.** Dr. Springer began her academic career after time in both mixed and dairy-only veterinary practice. Her ongoing clinical work primarily revolves around calf health and management of infectious diseases in cattle. She is also involved in both livestock-related and vector-borne-disease extension work, as well as teaching in livestock production, veterinary science, and One Health courses. Her research interests are in pre-harvest food safety with a focus on managing antimicrobial resistance on dairy and veal farms.
 - **Biosecurity Planning & How Service Providers Can Play a Role with Dr. John Boney.** Dr. Boney is the Vernon E Norris Faculty Fellow of Poultry Nutrition and an Assistant Professor of Poultry Science in the Animal Science Department at Penn State. He has a 75% Extension and 25% teaching appointment and serves as the Extension Poultry Team Leader. He served as a liaison between poultry producers and the USDA/PDA Joint Incident Command during the Avian Influenza outbreak. He leads a student-centered lab where he and his students conduct applied research to improve feed quality, nutrient utilization, and production efficiency.
 - **Biosecurity Planning & Where the State Fits in the Process with Dr. Mina Kalley.** Dr. Kalley currently holds a position as Animal Disease Emergency Coordinator/ Epizootiologist at the PA Dept. of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Health and Diagnostic Services. After graduating from the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine, she spent one year in large animal ambulatory practice in central Virginia. Dr. Kalley then transitioned to a position working for the Dept. of Homeland Security as a Clinical Veterinarian for research livestock housed at Plum Island Animal Disease Center. In May 2023, Dr. Kalley completed additional training in foreign animal diseases preparedness through a veterinary public health and preventive medicine residency at The Ohio State University.
 - **Closing Remarks by Secretary Russell Redding.** Redding was unanimously confirmed by the Pennsylvania Senate to serve as Pennsylvania's 27th Secretary of Agriculture on May 10, 2023. Governor Josh Shapiro nominated Redding to continue serving as secretary, after he served from 2015 – 2022 under Governor Tom Wolf. He is the former dean of the School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences at Delaware Valley University. Redding has extensive experience as a public servant, having spent more than 30 years serving Pennsylvania in Harrisburg and Washington D.C. He worked on Capitol Hill as Ag Policy Advisor to U.S. Senator Harris Wofford and served for nearly 25 years in the Pennsylvania

Department of Agriculture, serving as secretary from 2009-2011 under Governor Ed Rendell, and from 2015-2022 under Governor Tom Wolf. He currently serves on the Agriculture subcommittee of the USDA's Equity Commission.

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The Center for Dairy Excellence is a non-profit organization initiated by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in 2004. Bringing together people from more than 40 different dairy organizations in Pennsylvania, the Center's mission is to enhance the profitability of the dairy industry by empowering people, creating partnerships, and increasing the availability and use of resources. Learn more at centerfordairyexcellence.org.

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