The UGA Poultry Science Breeder Welfare Course will present poultry professionals with an array of subjects important to the understanding of animal welfare. Since a bird’s wellbeing depends on its physiological and psychological state being in balance, a number of the biological systems of the chicken will be reviewed that are critical to bird health and wellbeing in agricultural environments. Since the issue of animal welfare is as much about morals and values as it is about biological science, the important philosophies and points of view on the human-animal relationship driving the animal welfare movement will be discussed. The UGA Poultry Science faculty are internationally recognized for their respective areas of expertise. It is intended that the course be interactive. Participants are encouraged to bring questions and share their real-world experiences for discussion. The goal of the course is that attendees become better informed and more clear about their own personal position on the human-animal relationship, more committed to true animal welfare, and better trained to help their companies develop and maintain effective animal welfare programs that serve the needs of their clientele and stakeholders.

Thursday – March 8, 2018
- What is animal welfare?
- Behavior/Psychology
- Respiratory system of the bird.
- Thermoregulation - brooding age birds
- Thermoregulation - older birds
- Vision, photoreception and lighting management
- Reproductive system - male and female
- Digestive system
- Feed restriction and hunger
- Feeding programs - pullets, breeders
- Euthanasia

Friday – March 9, 2018
- Welfare implications of flock management
- Catching and transportation
- Bird inspection and weighing demonstration
- Animal welfare audit programs
REGISTER NOW!!!

The course registration fee of $450 covers course notebook and other materials; continental breakfasts, lunches, refreshments and dinners. Direct questions regarding the 2018 Breeder Welfare Course to: Jeniece Vinson - jgvinson@uga.edu (706) 542-1371

REGISTER EARLY! Limited spots are available which fill quickly!

To register go to:
https://estore.uga.edu/C27063_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=270

Accommodations and Ground Transportation

▶ Hotel Reservations

A block of rooms has been reserved for the short course at the Holiday Inn Express. The Holiday Inn is located at 513 West Broad Street, Athens, GA. To make reservations, guests may call 1-877-834-3613/706-546-8122 or register online at: http://bit.ly/2kn8EMk.

You must enter this block code ‘BWC” in order to receive the discount. The discounted price for HIE – 2 dbl or king bed is $94 a night. Please make your own reservations prior to February 14, 2018. Directions to the Holiday Inn Express can be found at: http://bit.ly/2kn8EMk.

▶ Ground Transportation

Shuttle Service to/from Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport

Scheduled ground shuttle service and rental car services are available between Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport and Athens.

- Groome Transportation: (800) 896-9928 or (706) 410-2363
  www.groometransportation.com/athens.htm

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- Enterprise: 706-546-8067
- Hertz: 706-543-5984
- Budget: 706-353-0600
- Avis: 706-543-3904