

Raising Backyard Chickens
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Speaker Bios & Sponsors

Speakers:

Richard Blatchford, PhD

Dr. Blatchford is a Poultry Extension Specialist in the Department of Animal Science at UC Davis. Dr. Blatchford's research focuses on the husbandry, behavior, and welfare of small to large scale poultry production. He is particularly interested in understanding the challenges facing small scale and backyard poultry flocks as well as the impacts of housing systems on poultry health and welfare at large scale facilities. He also works to develop on-farm assessment tools for producers to monitor the health and welfare of their own flocks.

John Ramos, CDFA

John Ramos is a lifelong resident of California born in Whittier California. He moved to San Joaquin Valley at a very early age from Imperial Valley where his father farmed. He was always involved in farming from this very early age. He continued his education in Bakersfield and moved to the coastal area focusing on agricultural business. In 1976 John started working with the California Department of Food and Agriculture as a fruit and vegetable shipping point inspector working all over California, Arizona, New York, and Los Angeles markets. In California he was a District Supervisor in Delano, Bakersfield, California for a combined 22 years. Five years ago, John joined the Egg Safety & Quality Management Program. He is currently the Central California Program Supervisor overseeing 15 counties in the state egg program.

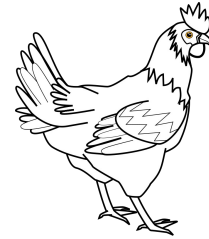
Jeanne Smith DVM

Dr. Jeanne Smith has been in an all bird veterinary practice since 1988. She started her training by obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Avian Sciences at the University of California, Davis. She then went on to receive her veterinary degree from UC Davis. After veterinary school, she completed an avian medicine internship at North Carolina State University and a one year avian medicine residency at UC Davis. She was the director of a laboratory manufacturing poultry vaccines for one year before starting her private all bird practice in 1988. She sees all birds including parrots, poultry, pigeons, raptors, and ratites. Her main office is in Diamond Springs, with a satellite clinic in Carmichael.

Ken Takeshita, DVM

Dr. Ken Takeshita, a native Californian, earned an undergraduate degree at Cal Poly; a Master's in Poultry Science at Auburn University, and a D.V.M. in Avian Medicine at the University of California Davis. He is a diplomat of the American College of Poultry Veterinarians (ACPV). Dr. Takeshita previously served as manager of health services for the Foster Farms in the Western U.S., and as director of poultry health for Arbor Acre (Primary Boiler Breeder). He has also worked in Poultry Vaccine Technical Service - USDA Exotic Newcastle Diseases - CDFA, Meat Poultry Veterinary Medical Officer - CDFA, Egg Safety Quality Management Program, Veterinarian, Technical Advisor, District Supervisor - CDFA, Veterinarian, Animal Health Branch-Modesto.

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