Controlling Ammonia and Air Emissions in Poultry Facilities

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Interested in knowing more about air emissions from poultry operations and why there is growing interest in reducing ammonia emission? What are current ammonia mitigation options at poultry facilities? What promising options are being developed? Join us for a webinar aimed to address these questions as we explore ammonia mitigation options in broiler chicken and laying hen housing systems. Ammonia emission originates from the bird manure so presentations will focus on both pre-and post-manure-excretion strategies. Strategies will include diet manipulation and feed or water additives as well as reducing ammonia generation and/or emission from the facility. Manure additives, vegetative buffers, biofilters and exhaust air scrubbers are some of the featured options. Where available, economic data will be emphasized. An application for continuing education credit for Certified Crop Advisors (CCAs) and members of the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists (ARPAS) will be submitted.

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