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UPCOMING EVENTS

4TH INTERNATIONAL POULTRY MEAT CONGRESS*

26-30 April 2017 – Antalya – TURKEY

* Please contact us for participation



NAFTC-Turkey has signed a letter of intent with the BESD-BIR*

Previously, Melis Akcan, NAFTC-Turkey Cluster Manager visited Prof. Dr. Ahmet Ergün, Secretary General of BESD-BIR (Turkish Poultry Meat Producers and Breeders Association). After fruitful discussion on sectoral developments and gaps in the Turkish poultry market, they agreed on joint cooperation. Thereby both parties signed a letter of intent to cooperate in areas of mutual interests. The main purpose of the agreement is to increase bilateral trade and to create a know-how platform between Turkey and the Netherlands, focusing on the poultry sector.

** BESD-BIR is a formal gathering of egg and meat breeding industrialists, the ones who have poultry slaughterhouse. The members of BESD-BIR supply 91% of the total production of chicken and turkey meat, hatching broiler eggs and day old chicks in Turkey.*

GD Animal Health attended a conference in Ankara

Ruth Bouwstra DVM PhD, Manager Poultry Department of GD Animal Health attended a conference of the Ankara Veterinary Association and gave a speech



Mrs. Bouwstra DVM explained the attendees of the Ankara Veterinary Conference the Dutch Avian Influenza surveillance program and the importance of early detection of this disease. For an exporting country, like the Netherlands, it is very important to monitor animal health in general and especially notifiable diseases.

With these two presentations, the public, mainly veterinarians, were introduced to the GD laboratory and to the options available to them, such as the proficiency testing schemes and diagnostics. In example, FTA cards are a very useful way to send in samples to the GD laboratory.

4th International Poultry Meat Congress will be held in Antalya

The 4th International Poultry Meat Congress will be held on April 26-30 in Antalya. From its inception in 2011, the Congress has grown dramatically and earned an international eminence with the quality of its content. 1573 participants from 26 different countries including family members and, approximately 1040 active national and international participants have joined to the 3rd Congress.

BESD-BIR expects many distinguished scientists and experts to participate in this congress, covering all aspects of poultry meat production from farm to fork, including, new production and processing technologies, challenges and strategies for future, safety of poultry meat, sustainability, the importance of poultry meat for human nutrition and supplying enough animal protein for the growing world population.

NAFTC-Turkey member, GD Animal Health will be also present at the Congress. In this framework, Dr. Anneke Feberwee will give a presentation on "*M. gallisepticum and M. synoviae in broiler breeders and in meat type of poultry : clinical and economical relevance and control strategies*".

Subsidy amount per R&D project in agriculture reached TRY 3 Million (EUR 0.75 Million)

The Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock has launched subsidy applications for Research & Development (R&D) projects in agriculture. Compared to previous year, R&D support in agriculture was increased from TRY 0.3 Million to TRY 3 Million (EUR 0.75 Million). Those who want to apply for the subsidy should apply by 4 April 2017.

Private sector, civil society and farmer organizations, professional organizations and universities are welcomed to apply. Within the scope of this programme; following items will be supported:

- tools, machinery, equipment, software and hardware,
- movable materials and consumables,
- survey, analysis, econometric modelling and consultancy,
- maintenance and repair costs of the equipment,
- registration, patent and certification expenses,
- domestic travel and transportation costs,
- building, land purchases and leases.



Turkish Commodity Exchange established

The Turkish Commodity Exchange (TCE) was established to act as an intermediary in the physical and electronic commerce of agricultural products.



Mr. İsmail Yücel, Undersecretary of Customs and Trade Ministry said: *“We have been working long time with 9 different Commodity Exchange for the establishment of the TCE. By virtue of the TCE, all processes will be controlled. The TCE will work with licensed warehouses which will ensure the products are bought and sold while still in depot.”*

The TCE will also provide incentives for the manufacturers. For example, the warehouse rental fee and the full analysis fee for the product will be paid. Also, a shipping incentive, TRY 25 (EUR 6.5) per ton, will be provided to producers.

Calf deaths cost TRY 4 billion (EUR 1 billion)

Mr. Şemsi Bayraktar, Chairman of the Union of Agricultural Chambers of Turkey (TZOB) stated that about 480 million of the calves born every year do not come to 1 year old, which causes TRY 4 billion loss in the economy.



Mr. Bayraktar said that in 2016, USD 515 million was paid for imports of nearly 381 thousands breeding cattle and calves. He further stated that the number of calves lost before reaching 1 year old exceeded the number of above mentioned animal import.

Mr. Bayraktar stated that calf deaths are generally caused by inadequate care conditions, ignorance and neglect. If necessary precautions are taken, deaths can be reduced to a minimum, he said.

In Turkey, 1 in 7 of the calves cannot exceed 1 year old, while the calf deaths in developed countries do not exceed 5%.

Egg exporters came together in Afyon

Members of the Turkish Poultry Promotion Group (KTG) and Turkish Egg Producers Association (YUM-BIR) came together at the “Stability in Egg Export and Iraq-specific Evaluation” meeting in Afyon. All Turkish egg producers and exporters participated in the meeting.

In the meeting, it was decided that the executive committee would be formed for planning and steady increase in the egg export. Mrs. Derya Pala, the Vice-chairman of the KTG said that Turkey ranked 3rd in the world and 75% of the total egg exports go to Iraq.



Potato producers urgently looking for a market

Approximately 500 thousand tons of potatoes are kept in storage in Nevşehir and Niğde, the cities are known as the potato warehouses of Turkey.

Mr. Salih Çelikbaş, the President of Nevşehir Chamber of Agriculture said that 250-300 thousand tons of potatoes are kept in natural carvings, while 200-250 tons of potatoes were stored in other warehouses.



Emphasizing the cost of a kilogram of potatoes is TRY 0.5 (EUR 0.12), Mr. Çelikbaş said that the current price is around TRY 0.2-0.4. If it is exported, the price is expected to increase over TRY 0.5 and the contribution to the Turkish economy will be around TRY 150 million (EUR 40 million). He further stated that they have less than two months to sell potatoes (mid-April). Otherwise potatoes start sprouting.

Currently, potatoes are TRY 1.5 – 3 in the market, while it is sold around TRY 0.4 at warehouses.

Dates are set for the FLORIST



FLORIST Garden Furniture and Landscaping Fair Istanbul will take place on 22-26 November. Gathering all products and services under one roof, the fair provides a unique platform to access new markets, develop a network and increase awareness.

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