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Specialist Veterinarian for Poultry

The Species Specialist Veterinarian for Poultry in the AACUP oversees veterinary care and flock health surveillance at the Department of Animal Sciences' new Poultry Research and Teaching Field Laboratory.

Dr. Yvette Johnson received her BS degree in Animal Sciences, a DVM and an MS degree in Veterinary Medicine at UIUC. Her research surveyed management practices and resources available for dairy farmers in the Kenya highlands. In 1998, she completed a PhD in clinical epidemiology at Michigan State University and examined risk factors and economic impacts of Johne's disease in dairy cattle.

Dr. Johnson served on the faculty of the University of Maryland campus of the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, where she focused on the local broiler industry. Her primary research and clinical activities included investigating disease outbreaks, assessing environmental impacts of poultry production, and evaluating poultry flock biosecurity practices and risk factors for transmission of infectious diseases among poultry operations. Dr. Johnson was instrumental in developing a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) database of poultry operations on the Delmarva Peninsula for managing poultry disease emergencies.



Dr. Johnson returned to UIUC in 2004 as Assistant Professor of Clinical Epidemiology. She teaches *Introduction to Epidemiology, Public Health and Food Safety*, and *Observational Study Design*. Her research includes assessing risk factors for ovarian adenocarcinoma in laying hens and transmission of zoonotic diseases between humans and animals in occupational and home settings. Dr. Johnson can be contacted at yjohn38@uiuc.edu or 333-1903.

Science of Animal Well Being Course

The Science of Animal Well Being course will focus on dairy cattle in the Fall semester of 2008.

Interested students should contact the AACUP office (265-6790) and register for VCM 510 or ANSC 510. Faculty or staff members interested in participating should contact one of the course coordinators (Dr. Dawn Morin or Dr. Vickie Jarrell). Class meeting time will be determined on the basis of student and faculty availability.

Poultry Research Facility Receives *SIPA Livestock Building of the Year Award*

The Poultry Research and Teaching Field Laboratory, opened and dedicated on October 12, 2007, was named the Structural Insulated Panel Association's (SIPA) *Livestock Building of the Year*. The manufacturer, Energy Panel Structures (EPS), received the award at SIPA's annual meeting in New Orleans in March 2008. The new facility offers energy efficient, solid core construction designed with tilt-up panels over post framing. The state-of-the-art facility is flexible to meet the needs of the research and teaching programs while providing high quality environments for the birds, students and workers.



Successful USDA Inspection

The animal care and use program at UIUC, which includes the Agricultural Animal Care and Use Program (AACUP), the Division of Animal Resources (DAR) and the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), received a "clean bill of health" following a recent 3-day inspection. The USDA-APHIS inspector found no deficiencies in the program, which includes use of agricultural animals in regulated (biomedical) research and teaching. AACUP wishes to express particular thanks to the staff members who manage and provide animal care at the biomedical facilities at the Imported Swine Research Laboratory, Physiology Research Laboratory, Veterinary Medicine Research Farm, and Large Animal Clinic, and to the administrators who have supported the recent renovations at these facilities. Your commitments to excellence in the animal care program at UIUC are greatly appreciated.