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World Poultry Foundation-Funded Hatchery Project Completed in Viet Nam

Training helps to increase biosecurity, prevent disease spread

STONE MOUNTAIN, Ga. – The World Poultry Foundation (WPF) has received promising results from a year-long hatchery project in Viet Nam that the organization funded in partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations.

Launched in late 2014, the project's goal was to improve the husbandry practices of small and mid-sized Vietnamese hatchery owners, particularly biosecurity, and to strengthen the expertise of local experts in their support network.

"Our partnership with the FAO has been very beneficial," said WPF CEO Randall Ennis. "The project we have been working on with the FAO has improved hatchery and parent flock management in northern Viet Nam."

Hatchery owners and operators took part in WPF training that consisted of technical seminars and practical courses taught by poultry scientists. Results from the project showed marked improvement in productivity and profitability, enhanced good management practices, and increased biosecurity in Vietnamese hatcheries.

This training will not only help prevent the spread of disease and enhance the livelihoods of small to mid-sized farmers, it will also advance the FAO's program on transboundary animal disease control in Southeast Asia, Ennis said.

The WPF is a self-sustaining organization dedicated to improving lives globally through production and consumption of poultry. The WPF provides education, training and hands-on instruction to farmers by convening experts and producers to solve common problems.

The WPF is also engaged in projects in Ghana, South Africa, and other developing countries around the world.

About World Poultry Foundation (WPF)

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