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Dear NPIP Family:

Veterinary Services

After weeks of assessing the unfolding COVID-19 situation in the United States, the NPIP has made the difficult decision to postpone the 45<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference scheduled for August 25-27, 2020. Following much discussion and carefully considering options, we feel this is the best decision for the health and safety of our participants as well as the best route for ensuring a more successful meeting at a later date in 2021. We anticipate sharing very soon the new dates selected for the 2021 Biennial Conference and hope you plan to join us. For anyone who has already registered for the 2020 August Biennial Conference in Providence, RI, please review the instructions below:

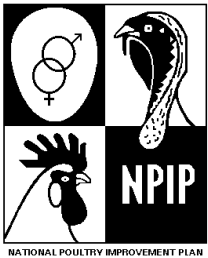
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**Registration Guidance:**

[www.poultryimprovement.org](http://www.poultryimprovement.org)

- ✓ The NPIP Registration Website is now closed. All registration fees already paid to California Poultry Federation will be credited and carried over for your attendance at the 2021 Biennial Conference. No further action is required as you are considered registered for the 2021 Biennial Conference.
- ✓ If you prefer a refund of registration fees paid for 2020, please respond to Sandy Pohl ([sandy@cpif.org](mailto:sandy@cpif.org)) and copy Penny Kesler ([Penny.E.Kesler@usda.gov](mailto:Penny.E.Kesler@usda.gov)) no later than June 30, 2020. Your refund will be issued within 30 days.



**Hotel and Travel Guidance:**

- ✓ No further action is needed at this time if you have reserved a room at the Omni Providence Hotel through the NPIP's reserved room block. The Omni has canceled the block; you will not be charged for your reservation. **If you booked your hotel outside the NPIP room block, you will need to contact Omni Hotels & Resorts to cancel. Omni's toll-free number is 1-800-843-6664.**
- ✓ For airline and other transportation bookings, please follow up with your travel agent or air carrier directly.

Your understanding, patience and support of these changes are appreciated as we work through the processes of Biennial Conference postponement. While disappointed that we will not see you this August, we are excited to host you in 2021. Information about the revised 2021 Biennial Conference will be on its way soon via email and on the NPIP website. Also, details regarding consideration of all proposed changes and the General Conference Committee elections will be forthcoming.

If you have any questions, please let us know, and again, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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