



ZOETIS CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

POULTRY TECHNICAL SERVICE TEAM

Zoetis has been recognized as having a highly experienced and effective team of technical services veterinarians serving the U.S. poultry industry. With over 30 decades of combined experience and service in poultry health, Zoetis Poultry Technical Service Team members have built their own specialized area of expertise — or what we refer to as the Center of Excellence. Read on to learn more about our highly skilled team and how they can help you and your poultry operation.

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JON SCHAEFFER, DVM, PHD

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“Being part of a small community of the world’s best poultry producers and allied industry professionals enables me to help pursue solutions to both ongoing and emerging health challenges facing our industry.”

Previous Experience: Thirty years’ experience in the poultry vaccine and pharmaceutical industries; Pfizer Central Research — FDA/CVM Regulatory Affairs; Embrex — USDA/CVB Regulatory Affairs and product development; and JLS Research, owner, poultry contract research facility

Center of Excellence Focus: Coccidiosis and necrotic enteritis

Education: DVM, Auburn University; PhD, North Carolina State University; Bachelor of Science, North Carolina State University

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“It becomes second nature to go the extra mile helping your customers if you always put yourself in their shoes.”

Previous Experience: Lab director and poultry vet diagnostician at the University of Delaware-Lasher lab for 14 years; received the DPI Ed Ralph Medal of Achievement award for “Outstanding Service to the Delmarva Poultry Industry” in 2019; served several years on the faculty at the University of the Philippines, College of Veterinary Medicine; past Board of Directors member and officer for the American Association of Avian Pathologists (AAAP).

Center of Excellence Focus: Provide science-based, customer-focused bird health solutions and innovations for poultry producers, primarily broiler operations, located in the Delmarva Region of the U.S.

Education: Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, University of the Philippines; Master of Science, Veterinary Medical Science and residency in Poultry Medicine, Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Maryland, College Park

JOHN BROWN, DVM

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“I enjoy working with the layer industry as it remains part of a very family oriented industry, despite the large nature of many of the businesses. Working with the producers who are working very diligently to produce safe and wholesome food at an affordable price is extremely rewarding.”

Previous Experience: More than 30 years of experience working in commercial layer production and allied industry; Mississippi Board of Animal Health Diagnostic Lab; DEKALB Poultry Research covering eastern half of U.S. (all of Canada except British Columbia, and Europe and the Middle East); Centurion Poultry covering U.S., Canada and Mexico; Lohmann Tierzucht (introduced LSL into U.S. market and served in technical service and sales in U.S. and Canada)

Center of Excellence Focus: Commercial layer production with focus on *Salmonella* and disease control and production

Education: Master of Avian Medicine, University of Georgia; Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Auburn University; Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with an emphasis in Poultry Science, North Carolina State University

KALEN COOKSON, DVM

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“I’ve been blessed to work for a company that has always placed a high value on applied research. It is very rewarding to learn what makes products tick and, hopefully, communicate valuable knowledge to our customers – both internal and external. I also enjoy the collaboration and teamwork necessary to be successful.”

Previous Experience: Twenty-three years in the poultry biologicals industry; strong technical services experience supporting broilers, breeders and layers; and several years of international experience (Europe, Asia, Middle East, Latin America)

Center of Excellence Focus: Vaccination programming and disease management for all poultry production systems (broiler, layer, breeder); currently focused on applied research studies exploring opportunities in Zoetis poultry portfolio, such as Poulvac® E. coli, ST and SE; Myco-F, IBV and Maternavac®

Education: DVM, North Carolina State University; Master of Avian Medicine, University of Georgia; Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Duke University

TIM CUMMINGS, DVM

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“I have thoroughly enjoyed working in an industry that is literally helping to feed the world. It has afforded me the opportunity to work with a lot of good people over the years in helping to maintain the health of our poultry flocks.”

Previous Experience: Turkey production at BUTA/Prestage Farms; Pfizer Animal Health and Zoetis as a technical services veterinarian; Mississippi State University as a clinical poultry professor, involved with teaching, diagnostics, consulting and conducting applied research projects

Center of Excellence Focus: Broiler and turkey field performance and production

Education: Diplomate in the American College of Poultry Veterinarians; DVM, Mississippi State University; Master of Science, University of Georgia

DOUGLAS L. FULNECHEK, DVM

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“As a member of the Zoetis poultry team, I help our customers and the families that grow their chickens and turkeys produce and process safe, wholesome poultry for consumption here and abroad.”

Previous Experience: USDA FSIS as a supervisory veterinary medical officer for 28 years; as Inspector-in-Charge, gained recognition within the industry as an expert in poultry carcass disposition, multiple species multiple slaughter and inspection methods, food safety systems design and assessments; trained over 100 veterinary medical officers that went on to serve in various capacities within FSIS

Center of Excellence Focus: Integrating poultry production, processing and food safety

Education: Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Oklahoma State University, Bachelor of Science, Agricultural Economics, Oklahoma State University

ANDY MCREE, DVM

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“Vast years of cumulative experience coupled with a wide diversity within the ranks of our veterinary services team yields a broadened perspective that is unmatched and results in only the finest of services rendered to our customers.”

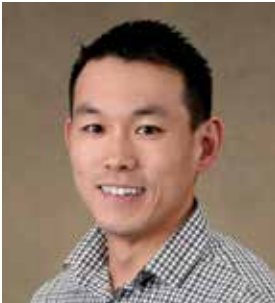
Previous Experience: Twenty-four years of poultry industry experience with emphasis in biologics and immunization; with the Zoetis Poultry Technical Service Team since 2014 with responsibilities in South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana

Center of Excellence Focus: Commercial egg layers, broiler breeders and broiler biologics and immunization; development interests in immunosuppressive diseases and foodborne pathogens

Education: DVM, North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine; Bachelor of Science, Poultry Science, North Carolina State University; Bachelor of Science, Biology, Davidson College

TAK NIINO, VMD, MSPVM

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“As a technical services veterinarian, I enjoy working with producers all over the U.S. to aid in improving flock health and performance. My job allows me to work closely with broiler, turkey and commercial egg producers, which all present with their own unique challenges. My goal is to provide customers with tailored solutions that will help them meet their goals.”

Previous Experience: Concentration on layers, broilers and turkeys; works with accounts in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Arkansas, Missouri, Arizona, Delaware, Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina; and one of 10 veterinarians selected in 2017 to the American Veterinary Medical Association Future Leaders Program

Center of Excellence Focus: Currently working on studies to better understand and control coccidiosis in long-lived birds

Education: Diplomate of American College of Poultry Veterinarians; VMD, University of Pennsylvania; MSPVM, North Carolina State University

ABIGAIL REITH, DVM, MAM

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“I am beyond lucky to work on a team with experienced poultry veterinarians dedicated to serving the industry with a unified goal of providing a safe, wholesome protein source to the world.”

Previous Experience: Completed veterinary and post-graduate avian medicine training in 2018; concentration mostly on broilers and breeders in Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas

Center of Excellence Focus: Hatchery operations and chick quality; the migration and emerging serotypes of infectious bronchitis virus and surveillance diagnostics

Education: Diplomate of American College of Poultry Veterinarians; Master of Avian Medicine (MAM), University of Georgia; DVM, University of Missouri; Bachelor of Science in Animal Science, University of Arkansas

DAVID RIVES, DVM

Senior Technical Services Veterinarian | with Zoetis since 2015 | North Carolina | david.rives@zoetis.com



“My position on the Zoetis Poultry Technical Service Team enables me to work with my turkey industry colleagues around the country to ensure bird health and food safety.”

Previous Experience: DVM and Avian Medicine Internship at North Carolina State University; Diplomate, American College of Poultry Veterinarians; turkey industry veterinarian for 20-plus years with Prestage Farms; N.C. State Extension poultry veterinarian for eight-plus years

Center of Excellence Focus: Turkey health management

Education: DVM, North Carolina State University; Bachelor of Science, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

FERNANDO RUIZ-JIMENEZ, DVM

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“I enjoy working closely with broiler, turkey, and commercial egg producers to help provide customized solutions to meet their objectives. This is what I am passionate about and it’s what drives me in my role as a poultry veterinarian.”

Previous Experience: Guest scholar at Penn State University, studying infectious bronchitis virus and avian reoviruses; completed numerous internships and externships with U.S. poultry companies and diagnostic laboratories, including the Poultry Research and Diagnostic Laboratory at the University of Mississippi and the Poultry Diagnostic and Research Center at the University of Georgia; Diplomate, American College of Poultry Veterinarians.

Center of Excellence Focus: Health management; vaccination programming; vaccination inspections; and offering bilingual continuing education and training to poultry company employees and crews.

Education: DVM with honors, National Autonomous University of Mexico; and in 2021, completed a two-year Poultry Health Residency and Master of Science in Comparative Biomedical Science (focus on clinical pathology in commercial poultry production) at North Carolina State University, College of Veterinary Medicine.

DON WALDRIP, DVM

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“Zoetis allows me to exercise my long-term production experience to connect to and assist production companies in meeting their goals of least cost production.”

Previous Experience: Production veterinarian; Foster Farms; Livingston, California for five years; Gold Kist (now Pilgrim-JBS) for 14 years; Wayne Farms for 13 years; diplomate of the American College of Poultry Veterinarians; President of ACPV and American Association of Avian Pathologists; Hall of Honor AAAP, Special Services Award; American Veterinary Medical Association honor roll member (50-plus years)

Center of Excellence Focus: Disease-management interface of broiler production from breed ordering to sales

Education: DVM, University of Georgia; undergraduate degree, University of North Georgia

