

Station Report

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Accomplishments

I am continuing to work on a manuscript covering the scientific reporting of religious slaughter, specifically kosher and halal, including poultry. We are also working on the USDA Higher Education Challenge Grant for the Virtual Food Science Field Trips, with a large clip component from the poultry industry and the active learning component being totally poultry oriented. In addition, I continue to give animal welfare talks in various forums, incorporating a poultry component.

Impact

A great deal of the literature on religious slaughter is useless because sufficient information about the slaughter is not given to meaningfully determine what is happening. Hopefully the paper will help prevent that in the future. The Virtual Food Science Field Trip project could significantly aid faculty in presenting/teaching about poultry processing. Animal welfare is something the poultry industry will need to continue to deal with and understanding what is expected of the industry helps the industry, and getting the consumers to understand what is being done and why will, hopefully, avoid changes that go beyond what is really necessary. Those “extras” can be dealt with by special certifications for which those consumers desiring such services can pay for it without placing the burden on others.

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Publications

Web site (VFT): seeker.doit.wisc.edu/foodsci