

Indiana Aquaculture Association Fall Conference in Scottsburg a Success

The Indiana Aquaculture Association, Inc (IAAI) is pleased to announce the completion of its Fall Meeting held at the Mid-America Science Park in Scottsburg, Indiana on October 5th. According to Cecil Baird, President of IAAI, “By all accounts this was a resounding success and well attended by members and non-members alike. We couldn’t be more pleased with the speakers and their presentations along with the networking opportunities this event brought. We appreciate the support of our vendor partners and the facilities at MASP. The Mid-America Science Park is truly a wonderful facility with the best staff that did their utmost to make sure things ran smoothly. We are very appreciative and thankful for this day.”



What emerged during the workshop were talks about the business of aquaculture and the impact of this growing industry on the economy of Indiana. Presentations included: Discussion on Purdue University market research into the impact study; Some of the projects the Indiana Soybean Alliance plans for 2013 and beyond; How Purdue Aquaculture Research Lab works to further the industry; Public issues with livestock production; The flow of information that Purdue Extension works with; Raising fish in ponds; Small scale cage culture; A history of recirculating aquaculture systems along with their evolution and future use of these systems; Can I use my barn?; Marketing of shrimp, where is the market and how to do it; 5 C’s of financing; 6 basis elements of a business plan; and, aquaponics which has a growing interest in Indiana and uses fish production as a driver of its business model.

Speakers included operators Darryl and Karlanea Brown of RDM Shrimp Farms in Fowler, IN; Phil Shambach of TIPPCO Farms in Romney, IN; Lyle Andry of Andry’s Fish Farm in Birdseye, IN; Cecil Baird of Baird Taxidermy and Fish Farm in Ligonier, IN; industry veteran Shelia Lingle Director of Aquaculture at the Indiana Soybean Alliance; Steve Oh, Sales Manager at Pentair Aquatic Eco-Systems; Kwamena Quagraine, Marketing Specialist for Purdue University; Rob Rode Aquaculture Lab Manager at Purdue University; John Nagle, Livestock Program Manager at the Indiana State Department of Agriculture; Hank Wolfe, Food Scientist at Indiana State Department of Health, Food Protection Division; Levi E. Berg, Associate Extension Agent Educator, Purdue Cooperative Extension Services Orange County; Sarah Jordon, Financial Services Officer, Farm Credit Mid-America; Blayr Barnard, Regional Director of the Southeast ISBDC; and Myles Harston, of AquaRanch Aquaponics in Roanoke, IL.



The IAAI also wishes to thank the mayor of Scottsburg, Bill Graham, who welcomed everyone and was present throughout the day providing words of encouragement for aquaculture and the association.

The IAAI thanks its sponsors and friends at the Indiana Soybean Alliance, the Mid-America Science Park, Pentair Aquatic Eco-Systems, the Air-O-Lator Corporation, Firestone Specialty Products, Zeigler Nutrition, and the Scott County Visitors Commission for their time and support of this workshop and for all they do every day.

“Besides the learning that took place, we believe there are partnerships being formed that will enhance fish farming and the aquaculture industry in Indiana for some time”, says Baird.



The IAAI is a non-profit producer association whose purpose is to help aquaculture growers. To learn more about the IAAI or to download presentations from this workshop go to www.indianaaquaculture.com.

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