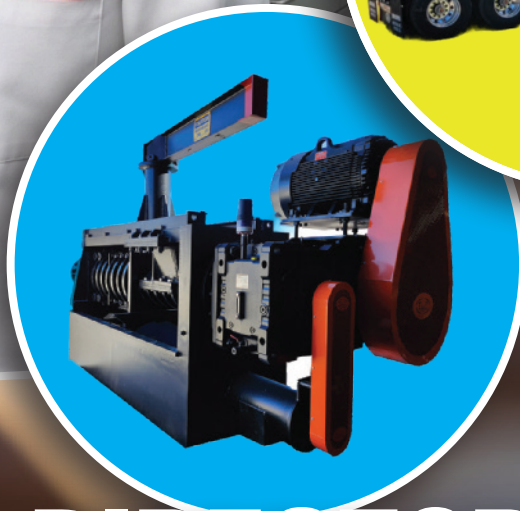


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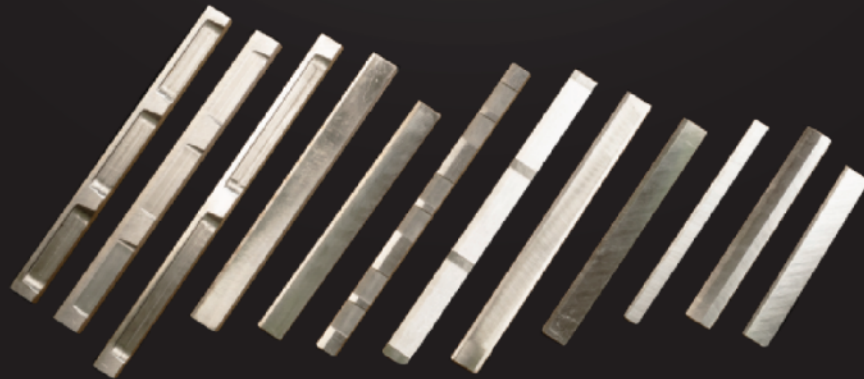
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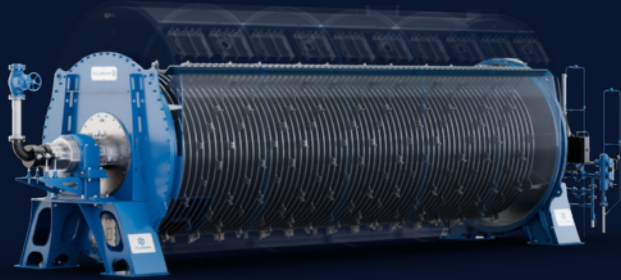
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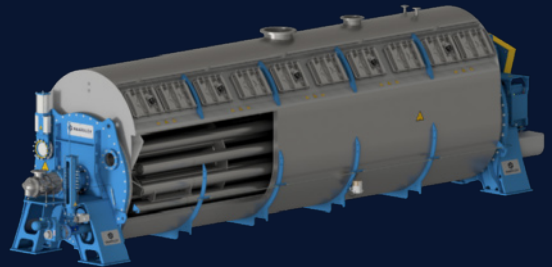
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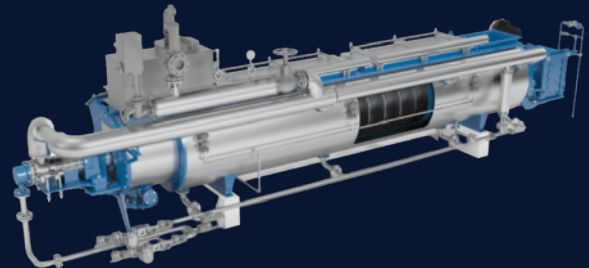
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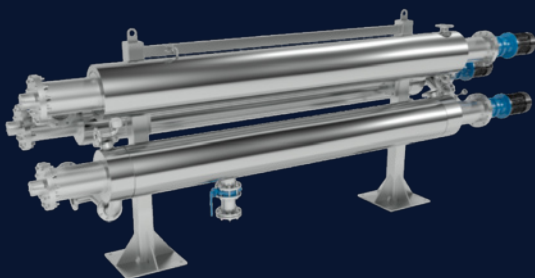
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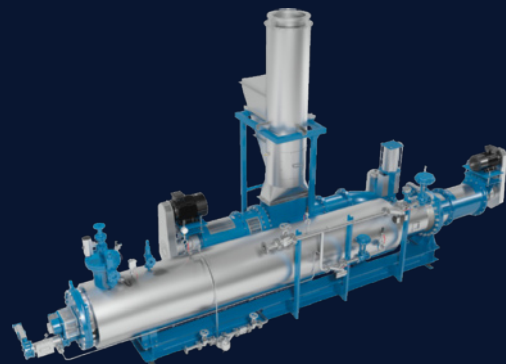
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Participation Is Kind of the Point

Why do people join associations like the North American Renderers Association? At 93 years old, the organization must have been doing something right all this time to keep the doors open and the membership satisfied. That leads to another question — what keeps members coming back year after year and, on the flip side, what impacts a decision not to renew?

According to a 2026 survey by IMIS, a customer management software firm, the Top 3 reasons association memberships are not renewed include budget concerns, lack of engagement with the association and perceived value. While there isn't much an association can do about a member's personal or company budget, it can offer a lot in terms of engagement and membership value. However, that's a bit of a two-way street.

Associations can't force members to engage in programs, leadership roles or advocacy. For example, NARA can provide networking opportunities through meetings, training and trade delegations, but members must be motivated to take advantage of these benefits on their own.

Depending on whose statistics you consider, only about 15% to 20% of the membership in an average association is highly engaged — meaning they go to meetings, advertise, sponsor or accept a committee assignment. Of course, it's not just trade associations. Participation is hard to get, whether you're talking about organizations or recruiting a Sunday school teacher at church. The modern human is busy beyond what's good for us.

However, when you're talking about paid membership, isn't it wiser to get the most out of your dues rather than sit back and watch?

Membership in NARA is an investment in your industry. If your company is a member, you already know that. But it's also an investment in the individuals of the company — if you treat it that way. Being intentional about building relationships with a highly engaged network of professionals — perhaps

even finding a mentor among them — can pay long-term dividends.

Serving as a leader in your trade association is a really good way to show the boss you've got what it takes to be a leader in the company, too. Talk to people on the committees or task forces that you're interested in joining. Let them know you are willing and available to pitch in. Engage in the discussions. Ask for money in the budget for that training. Most associations, including NARA, are looking for eager,

young professionals to step up and share their talents for the good of the industry.

Whether a new member or seasoned veteran, engaging with your association is not just about what you can get. Members also have a duty to give back to the profession and help build up the industry. For 93 years, others have been doing this for the rendering industry through NARA. Now it's your turn to speak up. **R**

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NARA Launches Owen Vickers Memorial Scholarship

The North American Renderers Association announced the launch of the Owen Vickers Memorial Scholarship, established in honor of T. Owen Vickers Sr., a longtime industry leader and dedicated advocate for sustainability in rendering. The scholarship will be awarded annually to one student, providing \$2,500 per year for two years, for a total award of \$5,000. It is designed to recognize and support students with an interest in the essential role of rendering in sustainability, agriculture, animal nutrition and the circular economy.

“Scholarships are one of the most important ways we can invest in the future of our industry,” said Kent Swisher, NARA president and CEO. “Supporting the next generation of renderers ensures that the essential work we do — advancing sustainability, reducing waste and supporting agriculture — continues for years to come. Establishing this scholarship in Owen’s name is a meaningful way to honor a longtime member who dedicated his career to these values and to the advancement of rendering.”

The Owen Vickers Memorial Scholarship is open to students currently enrolled in or accepted to a college, university or trade school in the United States, Canada or Mexico. Applicants must submit a completed application, transcript, proof of enrollment and a 500-word essay reflecting on a person who has inspired them and how that inspiration is shaping their own path.

Applications are due by June 19. For more information or to apply, visit nara.org/about-us/nara-scholarships/owen-vickers-memorial-scholarship.

Huerta Named NARA’s Latin America Director



Moises Huerta has joined NARA as its Latin America director. Based in Bogotá, Colombia, Huerta will spearhead international market development efforts across Latin America, focusing on strengthening market access, expanding industry engagement and advancing the utilization of NARA members’ products.

In this role, Huerta will serve as NARA’s eyes, ears and hands in the region — providing direct, in-region representation for the association and its members. He will work closely with regulatory agencies and industry stakeholders to monitor market and policy developments, support science-based engagement to address technical barriers and identify growth opportunities across the region. He will also support the implementation of NARA’s international marketing programs.

Huerta brings more than 15 years of experience in international agricultural trade and market development, including over a decade dedicated to promoting U.S. agricultural exports across Latin America and the Caribbean. Born and raised in Peru, Huerta holds a master’s degree in applied economics and a bachelor’s degree in business management from Johns Hopkins University, along with executive training from Harvard University, Cornell University and Georgetown University. He is bilingual in English and Spanish.

NARA Pens Partner Agreement with FOAB

NARA signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) April 15 with the Fish Farm Owners’ Association of Bangladesh, marking a significant milestone in ongoing efforts to expand market access for U.S. rendered products in high-growth aquaculture markets. In 2024, Bangladesh imported approximately \$426 million in feed ingredients. Aquaculture production in Bangladesh reached 2.98 million metric tons in fiscal year 2023-2024.

“Rendered animal proteins are an ideal replacement for fishmeal in aquaculture feed due to their digestibility, palatability and amino acid profile,” said Swisher. “These products deliver a nutritional advantage, are more affordable than other proteins and are more sustainable because of our industry’s contributions to the reduction of food waste and agricultural circularity. We look forward to working with FOAB to help their farmers and Bangladeshi feed mills improve operations, feed quality and feed affordability.”

The partnership will support the reintroduction of U.S. rendered animal proteins into Bangladesh’s aquaculture feed sector, paired with efforts to improve feed efficiency and help reduce costs for fish farmers. It also establishes a clear path for regulatory engagement, including work on product certification and standards to enable broader market adoption. The agreement formalizes a multiyear collaboration and underscores NARA’s continued commitment to removing barriers, strengthening partnerships and expanding the global footprint of rendered products through science-based, market-driven approaches. **R**



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NARA Committees Strategize at Spring Meeting



By Sharla Ishmael

About 110 leaders and interested members of the North American Renderers Association met April 14-15 in Chicago, Illinois, to set priorities and identify challenges during the annual Spring Meeting. Many of the committees had positive news to report, including that NARA's financial health was strong and it received a clean audit for the 2025 fiscal period, with membership revenue on track to meet the budget.

APPI, Feed Regulation Committee

Although the Animal Protein Producers Industry is technically a sister organization, committee members have business sessions during NARA's meetings. NARA holds joint committee meetings where interests overlap, such as APPI and feed regulation, to make efficient use of members' time. APPI Chair Ansen Pond opened the meeting by explaining APPI's four pillars — education, biological testing, certification and research — for newcomers.

Brittany Shupe from Food Safety Net Services gave an overview of 2025 biological testing data from APPI members, highlighting trends in enterobacteriaceae, clostridium perfringens and salmonella. Shupe pointed out clostridium

incidence rates had been increasing year after year, with most positives found at loadout and in beef rendering. She also noted salmonella was likely being introduced post-process, as it should be killed during rendering. This led to a discussion about data interpretation, sampling protocols from members and questions about issues with sampling equipment. Shupe offered to look deeper into these concerns.

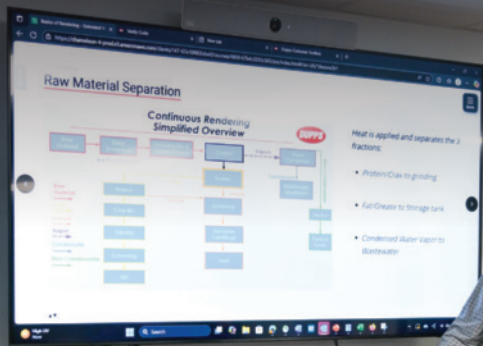
On the certification side, Dr. Charles Starkey, NARA's vice president of scientific and regulatory affairs, discussed plans to redesign the APPI audit program, which would use the American Feed Industry Association's FSC36 standard as a base, adding a specific focus on microbial testing and corrective action follow-ups. Starkey also asked members to urgently consider sending staff to the upcoming Code of Practice training at Tyson headquarters in Arkansas and outlined improvements to the program made in the past year. An additional laboratory methods session is also available to participants. Since the meeting, this training has been rescheduled to June 18-19.

Kent Swisher, NARA president and CEO, presented results of a financial review of APPI's agreement with the association, which concluded that APPI's overhead costs, particularly salaries, had been significantly reduced and were below 2007 levels when adjusted for inflation.

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FPRF Board Meeting

Like APPI, the Fats and Protein Research Foundation is a sister organization that meets in conjunction with NARA. Pond, who also serves as FPRF chair, said the organization needs to undergo a strategic reinvention to move beyond its historical focus on bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) and address current industry research needs. The board approved hiring an outside moderator to help guide the group through a strategic planning exercise in the near future.

Other important topics addressed included the need for a membership drive and a plan to counter a “pet food versus fuel” narrative being pushed with a data-driven campaign that illustrates the pet food industry’s concerns are based on pricing, not supply.

Starkey gave a status report for various research projects being conducted for FPRF. He also emphasized the importance of member participation in the economic and sustainability survey being conducted by NARA’s contractor DIS. Starkey said the data to be gleaned from this survey was deemed critical for

lobbying efforts, securing grants and providing a factual basis for industry communications. Starkey also called for nominations for the FPRF Innovation Award.

Anna Carlson, NARA’s vice president of communications, shared a review of the FPRF website, which indicated the site is outdated, insecure and requires a significant update. Even so, she recommended postponing this project until after the new strategic plan was developed to ensure the site would align with the organization’s future messaging.

Sustainability, Environmental Committees

Jody Jenkin, chair of the sustainability committee, introduced virtual speaker Marty Heller, senior sustainability consultant for Blonk, the contractor managing NARA’s data-in project for the Global LCA Feed Institute’s database. Heller summarized the data collected so far on U.S. rendered products and said there were large enough volumes, particularly from poultry, that they should be able to make good representative life-cycle analysis (LCA) estimates for these products.

Heller said he was waiting for more data on beef and pork



Moises Huerta was introduced as NARA’s new Latin America Director.

slaughter to finalize the modeling and get preliminary results to NARA. This project was initiated to generate high-quality LCA data on U.S. rendered products for inclusion in the GFLI database of feedstock ingredients.

Dana Downing, NARA's senior vice president of international programs, told the committee that a request for proposal (RFP) was set to be published to hire a firm that would translate the new sustainability data into a modern messaging campaign and and refresh the organization's brand.

The environmental committee portion of the meeting was turned over to the new chair, Thomas Percer. First on the agenda was Ethan Ware, who discussed upcoming changes to stormwater permitting, a new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency directive regarding the definition of a "site" for hazardous waste and proposed rescissions to the Risk Management Program.

Finally, Paul Bredwell updated the group on the successful effort to prevent revisions to the effluent limitation guidelines (ELGs) for wastewater, as well as a subsequent lawsuit filed by environmental groups, in which the industry coalition was intervening.

IMDC

The Spring Meeting marked the first time the international market development committee was held in a closed session, available only to IMDC paid members. However, for those interested in joining IMDC, we offer a brief summary. Ryan Standard of Fastmarkets discussed the impact of EPA's record-high renewable volume obligations (RVOs) on animal fat demand, the necessity of imports and trends in animal protein markets.

Three important figures from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service — Dr. Lisa Dixon, Dr. Renee Olick and Dr. Michael Herron — joined the meeting virtually. They discussed recent staffing shortages that hindered their ability to process export documentation and open new markets. They also explained ongoing efforts to hire new personnel and modernize systems to improve service.

Downing provided updates on Foreign Agricultural Service funding, key trade policy priorities — such as market access in China and Vietnam — and spoke on NARA's efforts to challenge nontariff trade barriers. Moises Huerta was introduced as the new Latin America regional director, and he outlined his strategy for the area. IMDC also heard regional updates from Peng Li on Asia, Matthew Meredith on Africa and Bangladesh, and Jennifer Wilson on the EU and the U.K. For information on IMDC membership, contact Amy Moulden, NARA director of operations and member relations, at amoulden@nara.org.

Communications Committee

Chris Gay began his term as the new chair of the communications committee. The committee heard from Sharla Ishmael, *Render's* editor, who reported advertising sales in the previous fiscal year finished above \$350,000, and that sales were up for the first two issues of 2026 by \$1,600. Ishmael noted subscription numbers had fallen slightly, and she asked for members to help reach a goal of adding 1,000 new subscribers.

Carlson gave a detailed report on the association's various communications programs and said she was invited to join the Clean Fuels Alliance Communication Advocacy monthly call that brings together communication leaders across member

organizations to align messaging on key industry issues. She discussed a review of NARA's Invisible Industry podcast. Due to low engagement, the committee voted to end the podcast. In its place, Carlson proposed expanding NARA's library of topic-specific educational cartoon videos, starting with videos on the rendering process and the destinations of rendered products.

She also presented digital marketing analytics on NARA's website showing positive user growth but explained that artificial intelligence (AI) was beginning to change how web traffic is measured, potentially decreasing "organic" traffic while increasing "direct" traffic.

Carlson explained how NARA's scholarship program was being expanded for 2026 to award up to three recipients with a new, streamlined online application process. Additionally, she announced a new model to celebrate National Rendering Day, with the inaugural event to be hosted by BHT ReSources in Alabama at a Birmingham Barons baseball game. In the future, the NARA chair will have the first chance to host the annual celebration.

Convention Planning Committee

Michael Glenn, chair, started the meeting honoring the committee's longtime former chair, Owen Vickers, noting his many years of service in making convention experiences "top notch" and announced that he passed away on Easter Sunday, with a celebration of life planned in Alabama.

Glenn presented a program-by-program profit and loss review of the 2025 convention and requested that the audit and budget committee begin providing this type of report for all future meetings. The committee confirmed that contracted annual convention sites include:

- Lowe's Ventana in Tucson, Arizona, 2026.
- Ritz-Carlton in Naples, Florida, 2027.
- Ritz-Carlton in Laguna Niguel, California, 2028.
- Ritz-Carlton in Amelia Island, Florida, 2029.

For Spring Meetings, Chicago was selected again for 2027, and Montreal was penciled in for 2028. Finally, suggestions were solicited for high-dollar items for the Auction for Good at the NARA convention this fall.

Industry Advisory Committee

Jeff Schopmeyer, co-chair, initiated discussion on the upcoming Fly-In Congressional Meeting, reminding the committee that associate and allied members were encouraged to attend. Several committee members shared their experiences from past Fly-Ins and tips for making the most of the opportunity, such as scheduling your visits with distance between offices in mind.

The committee also reviewed the new member mentor program and reception at the convention, which received a lot of positive feedback from surveys. Schopmeyer pointed out there is also a need to educate current associate and allied members about all the benefits of NARA membership that they may not realize. That includes awareness of this committee, which was established as a voice specifically for them within NARA.

Along those lines, Moulden suggested hosting lunch-and-learns to provide an opportunity for members to stay more engaged.

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Legislative Action, Biofuels Committees

Dave Kaluzny, chair of the legislative action committee, encouraged all to attend the upcoming Fly-In in Washington, D.C., emphasizing the importance of advocacy for the rendering industry. Andrew Harker, vice president of the Russell Group, spoke on the legislative and political landscape.

Harker said the upcoming Farm Bill included important provisions for the rendering industry, such as the Safe American Food Exports (SAFE) Act and language to preempt California's Proposition 12, though the latter faced significant opposition in the U.S. Senate. He also discussed key trade issues, such as the pending U.S.-Mexico-Canada agreement negotiations and tariffs.

Much of his presentation focused on upcoming elections, which he said were the primary driver of agendas in Washington, D.C. Harker reported that a major turnover

in Congress was anticipated due to a high number of retirements, particularly among Republicans. He pointed out this dynamic necessitated a proactive effort to build relationships with new members.

Political indicators, including the generic congressional ballot and historical midterm trends, suggested Democrats were likely to take control of the House. He added if Democrats won the House, a significant increase in investigations and subpoenas targeting the administration was expected, similar to what occurred during Trump's first term.

Harker told renderers the "feed versus fuel" debate with the pet food industry was an escalating issue that required a robust and proactive response beyond simply presenting data. "It's just that you need the data, and you have the data that makes a great case, but sometimes facts don't win out," he said, encouraging members to make that one of the issues they discuss during congressional office visits.

For the biofuels committee, Mike Rath, chair, gave a positive report about the impact of the high RVOs the EPA recently announced, which should benefit renderers' bottom lines. Rath also pointed out there is not enough feedstock in this country, so some imports will be necessary to meet demand.

NARA Board of Directors

Swisher gave the board a written president's report and highlighted key accomplishments in the past few months, including the hiring of a new director for Latin America and the full implementation of NARA's new customer relationship management (CRM) software, Zoho. He expects Zoho to improve efficiency in meeting registrations, communications and financial tracking, which will save the association money.

All committees gave summary reports on the business they addressed, and the board meeting concluded with a discussion of the urgent need to develop younger members to "build the bench" for future leadership roles and succession planning before entering a closed executive session.

All NARA members are invited to the 2027 Spring Meeting in Chicago, for which the dates and hotel will be announced later. **R**



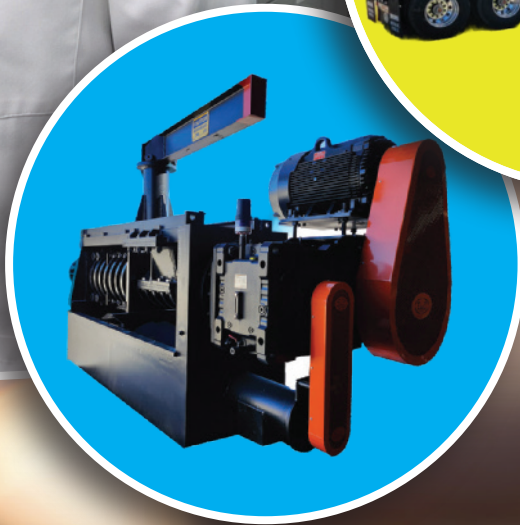
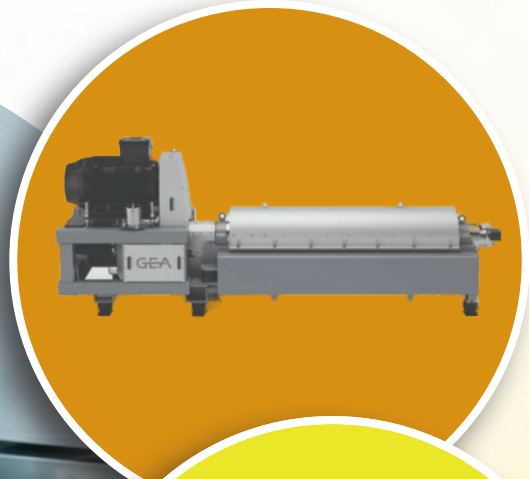
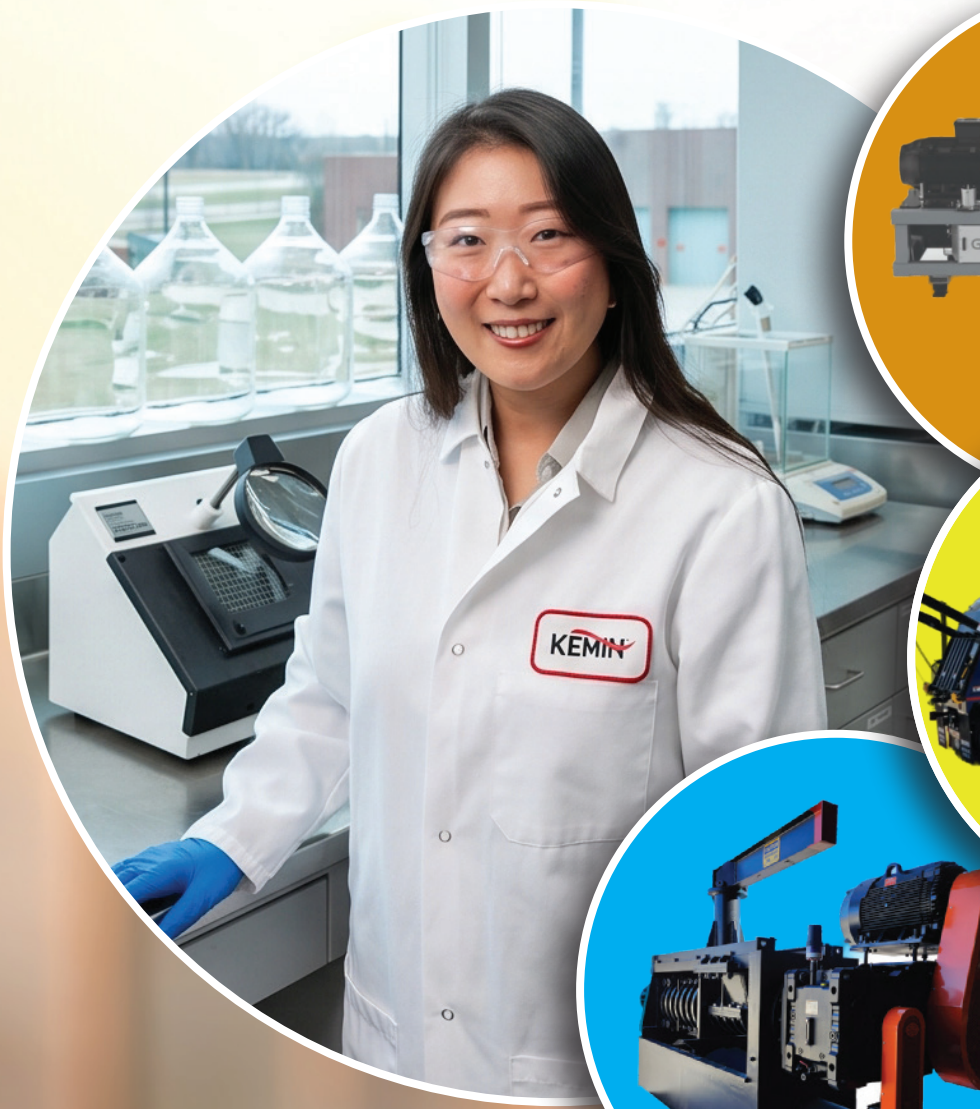
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A Growing Knowledge Gap: Supporting the Next Generation of Rendering Operations

By Richard Weeks, Director of Dupps University, The Dupps Co.

The rendering industry has always depended heavily on experience. For decades, much of the knowledge required to operate and maintain rendering systems was passed from one generation to the next through hands-on training, observation and years of plant-floor experience.

While that foundation remains critically important, the industry now faces a growing challenge: Experienced personnel are becoming harder to replace, and employee turnover continues to rise. That knowledge gap is real and many plants are feeling it, particularly at the supervisory and operator levels. The Dupps Customer Toolbox was developed in response to these challenges.

Centralized Resource

Rather than focusing on a single function, the toolbox combines several operational support elements into one centralized environment. Training resources, technical documentation, troubleshooting guidance, animations and plant support information are organized in a way that makes it easier to locate and understand.

The toolbox introduces two complementary pathways. The Dupps Vault is focused on supporting day-to-day operations through centralized access to information, troubleshooting tools and operational resources, while Dupps University focuses on workforce development through structured learning and operational training. Integration with existing systems via Single Sign On is also possible.

Operational knowledge is one of the industry's most valuable assets. Senior management teams may possess significant experience and an understanding of processes. However, many supervisors, operators and maintenance personnel entering the industry today often lack the same depth of exposure. Closing that gap is very difficult, as facilities must balance production demands, safety expectations, operational consistency and workforce development.

Training Beyond 'Once-and-Done'

The Dupps team has developed a training program for an industry in which comprehensive operational training resources have traditionally been in very short supply. Dupps University addresses this through 14 e-learning chapters that guide personnel through foundational and advanced operational topics while recognizing achievement milestones along the way. To date, we have enrolled more than 1,000 participants across the rendering industry.

Interactive learning modules and visual process explanations can help newer employees better understand the "what, why and how" behind rendering operations. At the same time, experienced personnel can use those same tools as reference material or refresher training when needed. In addition, many customers request on-site training to reinforce key concepts through classroom sessions and hands-on, plant-floor instruction.



expertise. Digital platforms are simply becoming another tool to help preserve tribal knowledge and support operational consistency.

Simplicity Matters

In practice, even the best information has limited value if people cannot access it quickly, understand it clearly and apply it consistently. Plant personnel do not have time to navigate overly complicated systems while responding to operational demands. Information must be organized clearly, accessible quickly and presented in a practical format. Often, simplicity matters even more than the information itself.

In the end, the future of rendering operations will still depend on people. The difference is that those people will have better tools to help knowledge move faster, more consistently and more effectively throughout the plant. **R**

Editor's note: To learn more about the Dupps Customer Toolbox or explore participation options, scan the QR code below.



Preserving Tribal Knowledge

Troubleshooting support is another area receiving increased attention. In many plants, troubleshooting has traditionally relied heavily on tribal knowledge and personal experience. "Tribal knowledge" is undocumented know-how possessed by a select group of people within a company or organization.

While that knowledge remains invaluable, digital support tools can help organize information in a more consistent and accessible format. This can assist personnel in identifying potential causes, reviewing operating principles and understanding system relationships more effectively.

Visual learning tools are becoming increasingly valuable within rendering training environments — particularly for employees who are newer to the industry. One recent participant summarized the value of the Dupps Customer Toolbox this way: "The clear descriptions, explanations and animations make this material extremely understandable for a variety of learning styles."

That observation highlights an important reality facing rendering training environments. Plants are increasingly staffed by employees with varying backgrounds, experience levels, language barriers and learning preferences. The challenge is no longer simply access to information. The challenge is making

information understandable, accessible and usable across all these hurdles.

Like most technical disciplines, rendering knowledge is not mastered in a single sitting. It develops over time through repetition, reinforcement, experience and practical application. For that reason, the toolbox was intentionally designed not as a one-and-done training event but as an ongoing operational resource for reference, reinforcement and long-term workforce development.

Rendering remains a hands-on industry where experience matters. Systems such as the Dupps Customer Toolbox are not intended to replace plant-floor mentoring or operational



From Peru to Poultry Meal: The Ripple Effect Across Feed Markets

Market conditions in Peru and the pending arrival of El Niño are setting the stage for poultry meal to be more attractive as a fishmeal replacement in aquafeed.

By Walter Lanza, Trade Unit Manager, Scoular



For anyone following the market this year, it is hard not to notice how different things feel compared to 12 months ago, especially in fishmeal and poultry meal. A year ago, the market was still trying to digest the uncertainty surrounding “Liberation Day” tariffs, shifting trade flows and creating softer demand in many markets. Fast forward a year and we are looking at a much tighter market driven by a combination of bullish factors that have hit at the same time.

Peru Sneezes

In my opinion, the biggest story has been Peru, which accounts for roughly 20% of global fishmeal production. Anchoveta, or Peruvian anchovy, represents approximately 77% of all fish caught there. Most people in our industry understand that Peru is critical to global fishmeal supply, but it’s easy to underestimate just how much the country’s anchovy season influences the broader feed market. As one of my colleagues recently told me, “When Peru sneezes, the world catches a cold.” This is what we are seeing now.

Earlier this year, Peru announced its first anchovy quota at 1.91 million metric tons (mt), the lowest first-season quota in more than a decade — 36% of last year’s 3 million mt quota. This alone would be a reason for bullish prices. Then came more issues. The catches have started slower than expected, and concerns about the amount of juvenile fish continue to create uncertainty about how much will actually be harvested.

Fishmeal prices reached a record high in the past few months. Due to high prices and lack of availability, nutrition teams have begun looking at alternatives, which naturally brings more attention to poultry meal. Although fishmeal is still the preferred ingredient in most aquafeed diets due to its digestibility and palatability, poultry meal continues to become a more attractive option. This has helped push poultry meal prices higher over the past several months.

El Niño

A big part of the Peru story comes back to the naturally occurring climate phenomenon known as El Niño, which brings warmer waters to Peru’s coastline and disrupts the colder currents that normally help sustain large anchovy populations. When the waters get too warm, anchovies tend to move deeper offshore, fishing becomes more difficult and biomass declines. Biomass refers to the total weight of a specific fish population within a defined ecosystem at a given time. This situation often leads regulators to take a more conservative approach on quotas.

El Niño tends to show up every few years, and each year it is different. In 2023, Peru canceled its first fishing season entirely due to poor ocean conditions, which created significant disruption across global fishmeal markets. This year has not reached that point, but lower quotas and early concerns around catches have been enough to keep fishmeal prices near record highs.

Also, fishing becomes more difficult. Regulators who set the quotas in Peru tend to become more conservative when there are concerns about smaller juvenile fish populations.

Geopolitics

The recent conflict involving Iran has also added another layer of complexity to buyer behavior. During periods of geopolitical uncertainty, buyers tend to prioritize reliability over trying to save a few dollars. Many have become more comfortable locking in longer-term contracts simply because they want certainty around supply. Rising oil prices have also created concerns around freight costs. While freight has increased in several regions, the impact on U.S. exports has been less severe than in markets closer to the Persian Gulf.

What’s Next

Peru’s first anchovy season typically runs through July — or until the quota is fully harvested — so the market will continue watching catch rates closely. If catches improve, some of the pressure on fishmeal prices could ease. If not, fishmeal is likely to remain elevated, continuing to push buyers toward alternative sources.

For buyers, it has been a challenging market to navigate. Just a few months ago, many were comfortably buying on a hand-to-mouth basis and waiting for lower prices. Today, many of those same buyers are having to rethink that strategy and secure coverage earlier than they would prefer. The next few months in Peru should provide a clearer picture of where the market goes from here.

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Celebrate the Wins

It has been a busy and productive spring at the North American Renderers Association, marked by significant, positive momentum across both the rendering and biofuels industries. In May, I had the opportunity to participate in a panel at the Fastmarkets Biofuels and Feedstocks Americas 2026 conference titled “Securing Feedstocks in a Fragmented Global Market.” The panel featured representatives from a wide

range of sectors, and I was struck by how much of the discussion centered on used cooking oil (UCO) and rendered fats.

Following the session, someone from a much larger feedstock organization jokingly remarked, “Yeah, we aren’t as sexy as you guys are.” That comment stayed with me because it perfectly captured how dramatically perceptions of our industry have changed. During my time at NARA, the rendering industry

has evolved from being viewed as the “hidden industry” to becoming one of the most important and talked-about sectors in the renewable fuels economy.

As someone who has always appreciated history, I have long been fascinated by the evolution of the rendering industry, which dates back to the late 1800s. For more than a century, this industry has continually adapted, reinvented itself and found opportunity in changing markets. We have always been an industry defined by resilience, overcoming the loss of traditional markets while creating entirely new ones. Even during my 23 years at NARA, I have witnessed this transformation time and time again.

Several panelists and I reflected on our early days in the business, when yellow grease sold for roughly 7 cents per pound and sat at the very bottom of the value chain. Today, the exact opposite is true. The emergence of the biofuels market arrived at precisely the right time for renderers. Historically, the domestic market could not absorb all the rendered fat and UCO produced in the U.S., forcing more than 30% to 40% of production to be exported.

Today, demand from the biofuels sector has fundamentally reshaped that equation. Rendered fats now enjoy strong domestic demand, and the U.S. has become the preferred destination for low carbon-intensity (CI) feedstocks, including rendered fats and UCO. Over the past 50 years, rendered fats have been valued primarily for their low cost. Today, they are increasingly valued because they help lower CI scores and support the production of sustainable, domestically produced liquid fuels. In an era shaped by global uncertainty and energy security concerns, that role has become more important than ever.

At the same time, rendered meals continue to provide critical value to the aquaculture sector by helping reduce pressure on limited global fishmeal supplies. This is another example of how our industry continues to contribute to sustainability in ways that are often overlooked.

Thanks to several recent regulatory successes, particularly a strong renewable volume obligations (RVOs) under the federal Renewable Fuel Standard and a clearer path forward for 45Z, the overall tone of this year’s conference was far more optimistic than last year’s. Yet despite the progress, some attendees still seemed stuck in a doom-and-gloom mindset. I found myself thinking, “Can’t we just stop for a moment and celebrate our wins?”

There will always be future challenges, constraints and uncertainties to address. But considering the tremendous amount of work that went into achieving progress on both the RVO and 45Z fronts, this feels like an appropriate moment to recognize and celebrate what has been accomplished. There will be plenty of time to tackle the next set of issues.

I will close by giving a well-deserved shoutout to Clean Fuels Alliance America, as well as the many stakeholders whose hard work, persistence and advocacy have helped shape the biomass-based diesel industry into what it is today. I also want to recognize the Trump administration for its support of the biofuels industry and for advancing policies that strengthen domestic renewable fuel production, enhance America’s energy security and create new opportunities for American agriculture and feedstock producers.

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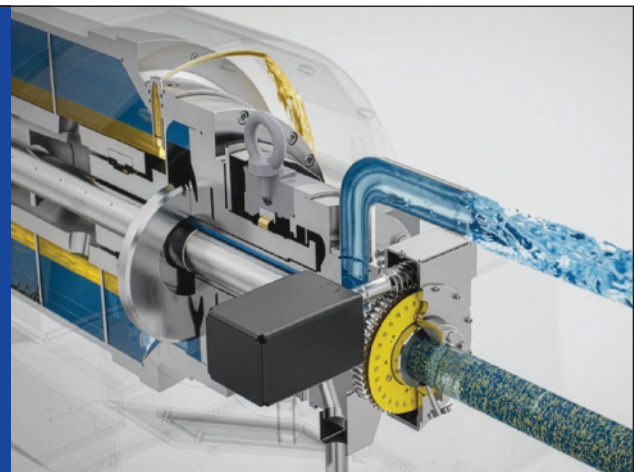
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Pump Up the Volume

With robust RFS volumes for 2026-2027 now finalized, the biobased diesel industry is ready to go full throttle after a prolonged period of capacity underutilization.

In my column published two months ago in the April 2026 issue of *Render*, I made a safe bet that, by this issue, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency would finalize Renewable Fuel Standard volumes for 2026 and 2027 — the last key federal policy piece needed to awaken the U.S. biobased diesel industry from its prolonged, detrimental slumber.

In 2025, biodiesel and renewable diesel facilities were forced to shut down or run far below prior-year production levels due to market uncertainty. U.S. biodiesel production declined by one-third in 2025 compared to 2024, according to Clean Fuels Alliance America. Before the ink was dry on the April issue — or perhaps before it was even applied but after it was too late to stop the presses — EPA issued its long-awaited final rule, including several noteworthy changes to the program.

The biomass-based diesel (BBD) renewable volume obligations (RVOs) for the final rule are even higher than what EPA proposed last June, which also exceeded industry expectations and represented the largest growth proposal for BBD in the 20-year history of the program. There are logical reasons, however, why EPA's final BBD RVOs exceeded its proposal, which I outline below.

BBD RVOs for 2026-2027 were finalized in late March at 8.86 billion renewable identification number (RIN) credits and 8.95 billion RINs, respectively, representing the biggest jump for BBD in RFS history. "To meet the historic 2026 and 2027 volume levels, EPA estimates that biodiesel and renewable diesel production and use will need to increase by over 60% compared to 2025 volumes," the agency stated March 27 in the announcement of its final rule.

With approximately 210 million RINs being reallocated for 2026 and 250 million RINs being reallocated for 2027, the total applicable BBD RVOs for 2026 and 2027 are 9.07 billion and 9.2 billion RINs, according to EPA.

It is important to note that, last June, EPA proposed to issue all future RVOs in RIN equivalents. Up until now, all RVOs for BBD were in gallons while other biofuel RVOs were in RINs. One RIN is equal to one ethanol-equivalent gallon of renewable fuel. A gallon of biodiesel, for example, generates 1.5 D4 RINs.

The proposal last June landed at 7.12 billion RINs for 2026 and 7.5 billion RINs for 2027, which, at the time, the agency estimated would equate to approximately 5.61 billion gallons and 5.86 billion gallons, respectively. These were up from 3.35 billion gallons for 2025 set by the previous administration, which was part of a highly disappointing three-year rule that dealt a devastating blow to the industry, as it fell far below what it could actually produce after the renewable diesel boom of the early 2020s.

Coupled with other policy blunders and delays that have been discussed numerous times in this column, the low final volumes for 2023-2025 stifled the industry, the recovery from which is finally expected to occur thanks to this new final rule and other measures, such as clarity on the section 45Z clean fuel production credit.

EPA's volume estimation of 5.61 billion gallons and 5.86 billion gallons for its 2026-2027 BBD RVO proposal last June, however, was based on a proposed RIN reduction for imported renewable fuel and renewable fuel produced from foreign feedstocks, as well as the proposed revised equivalence value for renewable diesel — both of which I discuss in further detail below.

In its June 2025 proposal, EPA sought comments on modifying how many RINs a gallon of BBD could generate if it were derived from foreign sources. Specifically, the agency sought comment on amending RFS regulations so that imported biofuels and domestically produced biofuels made from imported feedstocks would only generate 50% of the RIN value relative to domestic biofuels and feedstocks.

So, while 7.12 billion RINs was estimated to be around 5.61 billion gallons last June, this was based on an average of 1.27 RINs generated per gallon of BBD, which was much lower than the figure typically used in such a calculation. If the number were 1.5, for instance, then 7.12 billion RINs proposed in June would come out to the lower volume of 4.75 billion gallons rather than 5.61 billion gallons.

Total Advanced Biofuel RVOs

The RFS program is set up with what's called "nested" RVOs, meaning that BBD volumes are part of the overall advanced biofuel volumes, which in turn are nested under total renewable fuel RVOs. For total advanced biofuels under the RFS program, EPA proposed last June 9.02 billion ethanol-equivalent gallons/RINs for 2026 and 9.46 billion RINs for 2027. This proposal was up from 7.33 billion RINs in 2025 set by the previous administration.

In the final rule issued in late March, however, the agency set total advanced biofuel RVOs at 10.82 billion RINs for 2026 and 10.98 billion RINs for 2027. With reallocation, the applicable 2026 and 2027 total advanced biofuels are 11.1 billion and 11.32 billion RINs.

Reallocation

I've used the word "reallocation" here a few times, and this has been a long-standing issue of contention between obligated parties to the RFS — namely oil companies, or those who must

comply with RFS volume requirements — and biofuel producers. “Reallocation” refers to reallocating biofuel gallons that have been waived under the RFS program through small refinery exemptions (SREs) that EPA grants to obligated parties.

When the agency grants SREs and does not reallocate them, this takes considerable biofuel volumes out of the equation, which undermines RVOs, the RFS and the stability the program is meant to provide biofuel producers and industry investment.

The matter, however, has gotten more complicated over the years as oil companies have become some of the largest biofuel producers. But these corporations have done well at keeping their biofuel and petroleum businesses separate from each other, in terms of RFS compliance at least. By this I mean that, on the one hand, many of them continue to request SREs from EPA and oppose the reallocation of waived gallons while, on the other hand, they continue to invest in and produce biofuels, benefiting from higher RVOs under the RFS program that they once fought vigorously.

Last September, EPA proposed how the agency may deal with reallocating volumes waived in August for compliance years 2023 and 2024, and for 2025 SRE volumes not yet decided on. In that proposal, EPA said it would consider reallocating 100%, 50%, none or somewhere in between. Naturally, biofuel groups were pushing for 100% reallocation while petroleum lobbies such as the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers said, “the only lawful, acceptable number for RFS reallocation is zero.” In its final RFS rule in late March, EPA decided to reallocate 70% of waived SRE gallons from 2023-2025.

“In this final rule, after considering relevant comments, data and analyses received from interested stakeholders on the Set 2 proposals, we are finalizing a 70% partial reallocation of the 2023-2025 exempted RVOs to the 2026 and 2027 compliance years,” EPA stated. “This partial reallocation is intended to prevent the 2023-2025 exemptions from significantly and negatively impacting biofuel demand in 2026 and 2027, while

also recognizing the importance of the availability of carryover RINs to a liquid and smoothly functioning RIN market.”

Equivalence Values

Another important decision made by EPA in its final RFS rule is the modification of equivalence values (EV) of renewable diesel, sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) and their naphtha by-products. Renewable diesel has enjoyed a 1.7 EV — meaning for every gallon of renewable diesel produced, 1.7 D4 RINs are generated — while biodiesel was only allotted an EV of 1.5. The agency discounted biodiesel’s EV because of fossil-based methanol used in the manufacturing process, although it did not discount renewable diesel’s EV for its use of fossil-based hydrogen.

In its final rule, EPA corrected for this oversight by lowering the renewable diesel EV from 1.7 to 1.5, while specifying SAF EV values at 1.5 and the biobased naphtha EV at 1.4. In its June proposal, EPA indicated it would look at reducing the renewable diesel EV from 1.7 to 1.6 while establishing SAF’s EV at 1.6. In both cases, the final EVs are lower than what the agency proposed.

One organization that has been urging EPA for years to fix this oversight is the Sustainable Advanced Biofuel Refiners Coalition. “We are very glad that EPA chose to correct the inflated values in this rulemaking,” said SABR CEO Joe Jobe. “We are also glad to see that EPA addressed the inflated values for SAF and naphtha as well.”

In the agency’s 2023 proposed “Set” rule, EPA acknowledged that renewable diesel EVs were inflated and that this is unfair to biodiesel. As a result, EPA proposed correcting them, but renewable diesel advocates argued against this, and the agency did not include a correction in the 2023 final rule.

SABR noted that at a D4 RIN price of \$1.60, the inflated EV for renewable diesel resulted in an advantage of 32 cents per gallon over biodiesel. “It is one of the primary reasons that renewable diesel has been cannibalizing biodiesel over the past few years,” SABR stated.

Table I.A.1-1: Volume Requirements for 2023–2027

RFS Standard	Units	Volume Requirement Established in Set 1 Rule			Volume Requirement Established in This Action	
		2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Cellulosic biofuel	billion RINs	0.84	1.01 ^a	1.21 ^b	1.36	1.43
Biomass-based diesel	billion gallons	2.82	3.04	3.35	5.40	5.70
	billion RINs	4.51	4.86	5.36	8.86	8.95
Advanced biofuel	billion RINs	5.94	6.54	7.33	10.82	10.98
Total renewable fuel	billion RINs	20.94 ^c	21.54	22.33	25.82	25.98

Note: One RIN is equivalent to one ethanol-equivalent gallon of renewable fuel. Throughout this preamble, RINs are generally used to describe total volumes in each of the four renewable fuel categories, while gallons are generally used to describe volumes for individual types of biofuel (e.g., ethanol, biodiesel, renewable diesel, etc.).

^a The 2024 cellulosic biofuel volume requirement was originally established as 1.09 billion RINs in the Set 1 Rule. We subsequently reduced this volume requirement to 1.01 billion RINs in a separate action.

^b The 2025 cellulosic biofuel volume requirement was originally established as 1.38 billion RINs in the Set 1 Rule. As described in section VI of this preamble, we are reducing this volume requirement to 1.21 billion RINs in this action.

^c The 2023 total renewable fuel volume requirement does not include the 0.25 billion RIN supplemental standard.

Treatment of Foreign Fuel, Feedstocks

While EPA proposed cutting the RIN value of imported BBD and domestically produced BBD made from foreign feedstock by 50%, the agency did not finalize this — yet. EPA announced that starting in 2028, foreign fuels and feedstocks will receive half the RIN value compared to domestic products, “providing American biofuel producers with time to prepare for the change while ensuring that American farmers benefit from the RFS program and American energy independence,” the agency stated.

Final Volumes

While it can be confusing converting BBD RINs to gallons now that EPA is issuing all RVOs in RINs, the agency provided adjusted volume equivalents for the final 2026-2027 BBD RVOs. For BBD’s 2026 RVO of 8.86 billion RINs, EPA said this equates to a volume of 5.4 billion gallons. For the 2027 BBD RVO of 8.95 billion RINs, the agency provided the volume equivalence of 5.7 billion gallons. EPA noted, however, that these requirements do not include the SRE reallocation volumes.

EPA also said the projected supply of BBD to satisfy the 2026 and 2027 RVOs is 6.07 billion gallons and 6.45 billion gallons, respectively.

“The BBD and advanced biofuel volumes we are finalizing for 2026 and 2027 reflect the significant growth observed in

the production of these fuels over the past several years and build off the volumes already achieved in the marketplace in previous years,” EPA stated in its final rule. “The final volume requirements reflect the projected growth in the domestic production capacity and supply of feedstocks, primarily soybean oil, with smaller projected increases in other feedstocks, including used cooking oil (UCO) and animal fats.”

Max Production Ahead

A month after the final volumes were released, Donnell Rehagen, CEO of Clean Fuels Alliance America, commented on the rule and the effect he is already witnessing on the markets.

“EPA’s final RVOs for 2026 and 2027 mark a turning point for the clean fuels industry,” Rehagen said. “We are already seeing stronger market signals, including increased value for soybeans and soybean oil following the rulemaking. The market is still working through the full impact, but the direction is clear. The outlook for feedstock demand is exceptionally strong, and for the first time, we are hearing widespread discussion of max production across the industry.”

That level of confidence reflects a fundamental shift, according to Rehagen. “Now the focus shifts to execution,” he said. “We have the capacity, the feedstocks and the policy framework to deliver. With continued collaboration, we can exceed expectations, demonstrate even greater production capability, and make the case for strong, forward-looking RVOs that keep this industry and rural America moving ahead.” **R**

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Since 1985, the Animal Protein Producers Industry (APPI) has coordinated a program of education and laboratory testing for renderers to control potentially pathogenic bacteria. Now, APPI offers its members training to comply with the Food Safety Modernization Act along with product testing to offer the most appropriate controls and practices to best assure safe products. Our advanced feed safety programs include strategies to control biological, chemical and physical hazards that can occur in animal production and processing systems. A concerted effort is made to foresee any hazard likely to occur and to build prevention of risk into manufacturing. Process controls in rendering verify that cooking temperatures control microbial and viral contamination. These programs also concentrate on recontamination prevention and biosecurity.



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For more information, contact Amy Moulden at amoulden@nara.org or 681-534-6232. Or find APPI online at nara.org/biosecurity-and-appi.

2025 APPI Active Members/Participants

Rendering plants that have completed the required testing for the 2025 APPI TESTING PROGRAM

The Animal Protein Producers Industry oversees biosecurity programs for the North American rendering industry. APPI programs feature ways to manage biological, chemical and physical hazards, and how to comply with changing feed regulations. APPI is a committee within the North American Renderers Association and membership is open to all renderers.

APPI's mission is to assist member companies in manufacturing safe products. The Rendering Code of Practice corresponds very closely to biosecurity initiatives taking place throughout the entire food chain and furthers the concept of "safe feed — healthy livestock; safe food — healthy people." With intense scrutiny on all feed ingredients, the development of the Rendering Code of Practice years ago by renderers demonstrates great foresight. Leaders in the rendering industry participate in this code of practice, with a list of participating companies available at nara.org/biosecurity-and-appi. The

certification process includes independent third-party audits and aligns with the American Feed Industry Association Safe Feed/Safe Food Certification Program. Certifying with the latest version of the Rendering Code of Practice:

- Assures customers that a renderer is a verified safe supplier.
- Ensures compliance with the Food Safety Modernization Act.
- Offers a single audit for recognition by two well-known programs.
- Helps employees take pride in their work.
- Identifies opportunities for continuous improvement.

APPI will continue to develop innovative programs to promote the safety of animal proteins and feed fats through testing, continuing education and training, and collaborative research. When new regulations are issued APPI programs will be adjusted to keep participants up to date and in compliance.

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AB Foods LLC	Toppenish	WA
Agpack LLC	Sanford	NC
American Proteins, Inc.	Cuthbert	GA
American Proteins, Inc.	Cumming	GA
American Proteins, Inc. Plant B	Hanceville	AL
Baker Commodities, Inc.	N. Billerica	MA
Baker Commodities, Inc.	Phoenix	AZ
Baker Commodities, Inc.	Seattle	WA
BHT ReSources	Bessemer	AL
Boyer Valley Company	Arion	IA
Cargill	Dodge City	KS
Cargill	Friona	TX
Cargill	Ft. Morgan	CO
Cargill	High River	AB
Cargill	Schuyler	NE
Cargill	Wyalusing	PA
Case Farms - Farmerville	Farmerville	LA
Caviness Beef Packers	Hereford	TX
Central Valley Meat Company	Hanford	CA
Clemens Food Group	Coldwater	MI
Clemens Food Group	Hatfield	PA
CS Beef Packers	Kuna	ID
DaPro, LLC	Huron	SD
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Amarillo	TX
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Bastrop	TX
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Bellevue	NE
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Berlin	WI
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Blue Earth	MN
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Butler	KY
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Clinton	IA
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Coldwater	MI
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Collinsville	OK
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Crows Landing	CA
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Dallas	TX
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Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Grapeland	TX
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Hamilton	MI
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Houston	TX
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Jackson	MS
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Kansas City	KS
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Kansas City	KS
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Kuna	ID
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Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Lexington	NE
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Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Los Angeles	CA
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Lynn Center	IL
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Mason City	IL
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	National Stock Yard	IL
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Newark	NJ
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Newberry	IN
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Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Starke	FL
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Strawberry Plains	TN
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Tama	IA
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Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Union City	TN
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Wadesboro	NC
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Wahoo	NE
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Wahoo	NE
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Ward	SC
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Watts	OK
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Wichita	KS
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Winchester	VA
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	Winesburg	OH
Darling International Canada - Dundas	Dundas	ON



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Farmers Union Industires, LLC (Central-Bi-Products)	Estherville	IA	Pilgrim's Pride Corporation (was Mountain View Rendering)	Edinburg	VA
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Farmers Union Industires, LLC (Central-Bi-Products)	Redwood Falls	MN	Sacramento Rendering Company	Sacramento	CA
Fieldale Farms Cornelia Protein Conversion	Cornelia	GA	Sanimax	Winder	GA
Fieldale Farms Toccoa Protein Conversion	Eastanollee	GA	Sanimax - Green Bay	Green Bay	WI
Foster Farms - Livingston	Livingston	CA	Sanimax ACI	Charny	QC
G. A. Wintzer & Son	Wapakoneta	OH	Sanimax lom Inc.	Montreal	QC
Hahn and Phillips Grease Co..	Marshall	MO	SF Rendering	Centreville	NS
Harris Ranch Beef Company	Selma	CA	Simmons Animal Nutrition	Southwest City	MO
Hormel Foods Corp.	Austin	MN	Smithfield Foods Inc.	Clinton	NC
Indiana Packers Corporation	Delphi	IN	Smithfield Foods Inc.	Crete	NE
Island Commodities	Kapolei	HI	Smithfield Foods Inc.	Denison	IA
JBS Food Canada LLC	Brooks	AB	Smithfield Foods Inc.	Godwin	NC
JBS Souderton, Inc. D/B/A MOPAC	Elroy	PA	Smithfield Foods Inc.	Milan	MO
JBS Souderton, Inc. D/B/A MOPAC Elizabethtown Blending	Elroy	PA	Smithfield Foods Inc.	Monmouth	IL
JBS Swift & Company	Beardstown	IL	Smithfield Foods Inc.	Sioux Falls	SD
JBS Swift & Company	Cactus	TX	Smithfield Foods Inc.	Tar heel	NC
JBS Swift & Company	Grand Island	NE	Smithfield Package Meats Corp.(was KC Sausage Comp LL C)	Des Moines	IA
JBS Swift & Company	Greely	CO	Standard Fertilizer Co.	Greensburg	IN
JBS Swift & Company	Hyrum	UT	Tyson Foods - Ampro	Aliceville	AL
JBS Swift & Company	Marshalltown	IA	Tyson Foods - Ampro	Cuthbert	GA
JBS Swift & Company	Omaha	NE	Tyson Foods - Ampro	Dawsonville	GA
JBS Swift & Company	Ottumwa	IA	Tyson Foods - Ampro	Gainesville, GA	GA
JBS Swift & Company	Tolleson	AZ	Tyson Foods - Ampro	Muscatine	IA
JBS Swift & Company	Worthington	MN	Tyson Foods - Ampro	Pickensville	AL
Kaluzny Bros.	Joliet	IL	Tyson Foods - N. Alabama Blend Mill	Cullman	AL
Keystone Protein Co.	Fredericksburg	PA	Tyson Foods - Pine Bluff Blending	Pine Bluff	AR
Mahoney Environmental Solutions	Mendota	IL	Tyson Foods - River Valley Animal Foods	Clarksville	AR
Maple Lodge Farms Ltd.	Brampton	ON	Tyson Foods - River Valley Animal Foods	Forest	MS
Mason City By-Products	Mason City	IA	Tyson Foods - River Valley Animal Foods	Harmony	NC
Mid South Milling Co, Inc.	Kansas City	KS	Tyson Foods - River Valley Animal Foods	Robards	KY
Mid South Milling Co, Inc.	Memphis	TN	Tyson Foods - River Valley Animal Foods	Scranton	AR
Mid South Milling Co, Inc.	Ft. Smith	AR	Tyson Foods - River Valley Animal Foods	Sedalia	MO
Mountaire Farms of Delaware, Inc.	Millsboro	DE	Tyson Foods - River Valley Animal Foods	Temperanceville	VA
National Beef Packing Company, LLC - Dodge City	Dodge City	KS	Tyson Foods - River Valley Animal Foods	Texarkana	AR
National Beef Packing Company, LLC - Liberal	Liberal	KS	Tyson Fresh Meats	Amarillo	TX
NF Protein LLC - Sioux City	Sioux City	IA	Tyson Fresh Meats	Columbus Junction	IA
Nutri Feeds LLC	Hereford	TX	Tyson Fresh Meats	Dakota City	NE
Nutrimax	Laurinburg	NC	Tyson Fresh Meats	Hillsdale	IL
Pilgrim's Pride Corporation	Douglas	GA	Tyson Fresh Meats	Holcomb	KS
			Tyson Fresh Meats	Logansport	IN
			Tyson Fresh Meats	Madison	NE
			Tyson Fresh Meats	Storm Lake	IA
			Tyson Fresh Meats	Walla Walla	WA
			Tyson Fresh Meats	Waterloo	IA
			West Coast Reduction Ltd.	Calgary	AB
			West Coast Reduction Ltd.	Edmonton	AB
			West Coast Reduction Ltd.	Saskatoon	SK
			West Coast Reduction Ltd.	Vancouver	BC

Total Participating Plants in 2025

177



WRO Activities January to April

The first months of 2026 have been marked by technical preparation and strategic planning for an important year for the World Renderers Organization and the global rendering sector.

A key priority has been WRO's continued engagement with the World Organization for Animal Health, particularly regarding the Terrestrial Animal Health Code. After years of technical work with the Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission, the February 2026 report (published in March) represented significant progress toward the recognition of rendered products within international animal health standards.

The report reflects advances in several disease chapters directly connected to international trade, including lumpy skin disease, Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis, sheepox and goatpox. In these chapters, the inclusion, harmonization or further consideration of protein meal and rendered fats as safe trade commodities represents an important step toward a more consistent and science-based terrestrial code.

This progress builds on the work of the WRO Scientific Advisory Panel, which has provided WOAHA with technical information on rendering processes, time and temperature parameters, sanitary barriers and the global relevance of rendered commodities. The main objective remains clear: Rendered products should be evaluated according to their processing conditions and demonstrated safety and not be subject to unnecessary restrictions based solely on the animal health status of the exporting country or zone.

Another important outcome was the indication that WOAHA will begin work on clearer terminology and definitions for rendering, rendered fats and protein meal. For our sector, this is essential. Clear definitions in the terrestrial code can support countries in developing appropriate health certificates for the international trade of these commodities, reflecting the fact that protein meals and rendered fats are safe, highly processed products manufactured under controlled, sanitary conditions.

For WRO, this is both a technical and strategic milestone. Internationally accepted terminology will help reduce ambiguity, improve consistency among competent authorities and facilitate science-based trade of rendered products worldwide.

WRO continued its direct engagement with WOAHA during the 93rd General Session of the World Assembly of

Delegates, held in Paris, France, in May. Joaquín Delgadillo and I represented the organization during this important week, following discussions on the terrestrial code and the recognition of rendered commodities under international animal health standards. Since the meeting was held after *Render's* deadline, we will include more information in the next issue.

In addition to its work with WOAHA, WRO will continue to follow other international technical and regulatory platforms throughout 2026. These meetings are important opportunities to monitor regulatory developments, maintain dialogue with authorities and partners, and reinforce the role of rendering in safe trade, feed safety and sustainable livestock systems.

Among these activities, WRO will follow the agenda in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil, where the Feedlatina regulatory workshop will take place July 28-29, followed by the 19th International Feed Regulators Meeting, July 30-31. These meetings will allow WRO to continue monitoring the evolution of feed regulations and sanitary requirements adopted by authorities from different regions.

WRO will also remain engaged with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization and its Livestock Environmental Assessment and Performance Partnership. After the successful publication of the Circular Bioeconomy Guidance and strong visibility achieved during the 2nd Global Conference on Sustainable Livestock Transformation, WRO will continue to participate in LEAP discussions and will attend the FAO Sustainable Livestock Week, Sept. 28-Oct. 2, in Rome. This will be another important opportunity to highlight rendering's contribution to the sustainability of global livestock production.

The 2026 agenda will also include participation in these major rendering industry events:

- EFPPA Congress, Tenerife, Spain, May 27-30.
- REAM 2026, Mendoza, Argentina, Sept. 8-10.
- ARA International Symposium, Melbourne, Australia, Sept. 15-17.
- NARA Annual Convention, Tucson, Arizona, Oct. 20-23.

Together, these events will provide important opportunities to strengthen cooperation among regional associations, exchange technical information and reinforce WRO's role as the global voice of the rendering sector.

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Understanding OSHA and Tort Risks for Contractors, Staffing Agencies and Temporary Employees

Multi-employer worksites are now the norm across construction, manufacturing, logistics, warehousing and countless service industries. Host employers rely on contractors, subcontractors, staffing agencies and temporary labor to meet operational demands. But with this blended workforce comes a complicated web of Occupational Safety and Health Administration obligations and potential tort liability — especially when an injury or fatality occurs.

Many employers assume that if a worker is not their employee, they are insulated from OSHA citations or civil lawsuits. That assumption is dangerously outdated. OSHA's multi-employer doctrine and the limits of workers' compensation exclusivity create real exposure for host employers and contractors alike. This article breaks down the key risks and how employers can protect themselves.

OSHA Applies to Any Exposed Employee — Not Just Your Own

One of the most misunderstood aspects of OSHA enforcement is that the agency does not limit citations to the employer who signs the injured worker's paycheck. Under OSHA's multi-employer worksite policy, the agency can cite any employer who:

- Creates a hazard.
- Exposes workers to a hazard.
- Corrects a hazard.
- Controls the worksite where the hazard exists.

This means a host employer can be cited even if the injured worker is a contractor or temporary employee supplied by a

staffing agency. If the host employer had the ability to detect or prevent the hazard — or if its own operations created the hazard — OSHA will hold it responsible. In practice, OSHA often cites multiple employers for the same incident and the same alleged violations.

Workers' Compensation Exclusivity Has Limits

Workers' compensation laws generally protect employers from civil lawsuits by their own employees. But that protection is not universal and does not automatically extend to contractors, subcontractors, temporary employees supplied by staffing agencies, or employees of other companies working on the same site. If a host employer's negligence contributes to an injury, that host employer may face tort claims from workers who are not on its payroll.

When Workers' Comp Exclusivity Breaks Down

Even for a company's own employees, exclusivity can be pierced in certain circumstances. While the specifics vary by state, courts have allowed civil suits in cases involving intentional acts, gross negligence, willful violations of safety laws and fatalities, where some jurisdictions allow wrongful-death claims beyond workers' comp benefits.

This means that a serious incident — especially a fatal one — can open the door to litigation that employers often assume is impossible.

Staffing Agencies, Host Employers Share Responsibility

OSHA has repeatedly emphasized that staffing agencies and host employers are jointly responsible for protecting temporary workers. Under OSHA's Temporary Worker Initiative, the company makes an effort to interview temporary workers and assess whether they are adequately trained and protected at the worksite. OSHA agencies generally expect:

- Staffing agencies to provide general safety training.
- Host employers to provide site-specific hazard training or otherwise ensure workers are trained for the hazards at the site.

When an injury occurs, OSHA often cites both the staffing agency and the host employer. Meanwhile, the injured worker may pursue tort claims against the host employer, the contractor, or any other entity whose negligence contributed to the incident. Host employers are wise to seek training assertions or documentation relating to each staffing agency employee on-site.

Fatalities: Highest-Risk Scenario

Fatalities trigger mandatory OSHA reporting, police investigation, rapid OSHA investigation, increased likelihood of civil litigation, public scrutiny and potential reputational harm.

In fatal cases, plaintiffs' attorneys frequently argue that the employer's conduct exceeded ordinary negligence, attempting to bypass workers' comp exclusivity. Even if the argument ultimately fails, the cost of defending such claims can be enormous.

Reducing OSHA, Tort Exposure

Employers operating multi-employer worksites should take proactive steps to reduce risk:

- 1) Clarify Roles and Responsibilities in the Contracts
 - a. Spell out who is responsible for training, supervision, hazard correction and personal protection equipment.
 - b. Use an OSHA contractor rider similar to our template (see authors' contact information below).
- 2) Conduct Joint Safety Orientations
 - a. Ensure all workers — regardless of employer — receive consistent, site-specific training in a language they understand (or with a bilingual employee present to interpret or answer questions).
- 3) Audit Contractor and Staffing Agency Safety Programs
 - a. Do not assume staffing agency programs meet OSHA standards.
- 4) Document Hazard Corrections
 - a. If you see a hazard created by another employer, document your efforts to correct or escalate it.
- 5) Coordinate Incident Response Plans
 - a. A unified approach reduces confusion and liability after an incident.
- 6) Review Insurance Coverage
 - a. Confirm that contracts and policies address shared risks and indemnification. **R**

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The Value of Being in the Room

As I sit down at my desk to catch up after a busy few weeks, I find myself wondering how we are already nearing the halfway point of the year — and what to write for the June issue. I'm also coming up on my one-year anniversary with the North American Renderers Association, and as I reflect on that milestone I feel incredibly grateful to be part of this team.

Over the past year, I've been welcomed with open arms. My colleagues have generously shared their knowledge, especially in government affairs and international programs. While I spent six years working in the industry before joining the NARA staff, I see the value of membership differently now.

There is real value in being in the room.

Whether you are an active, associate or allied member, that value becomes clear at NARA events. I've witnessed it firsthand, most recently at the Spring Meeting in Chicago. I had the opportunity to speak with several new members who were immediately struck by the quality of the conversations, the strength of the network and the opportunities NARA provides. One was an allied member, the other an associate member. Notably, nearly half of this year's attendees fell into those categories — something I was especially encouraged to see in my role as director of operations and member relations.

Being in the room means more than just attending a meeting. It means access to industry leaders, collaboration with competitors on shared challenges, and the opportunity to serve on committees and hear updates from across the globe. It is where ideas are exchanged, relationships are built and the future of the industry takes shape.

Recently, I asked members what they value most about NARA, and their responses were both thoughtful and telling. Michael Glenn, CEO of BHT ReSources and a former NARA chair, said, "For our company, NARA membership is indispensable in fueling our growth in the rendering industry. It delivers unparalleled technical expertise, seamless trade and export support, and proactive regulatory advocacy — empowering us to navigate challenges with confidence and stay ahead of evolving trends. Above all, it connects us with a powerful network of aligned companies, united in championing the issues that drive our collective success and innovation."

Craig Brown of Brown Industrial echoed a similar sentiment. "As a long-standing supplier to the industry and NARA member, we view our membership as an invaluable part of our industry involvement," he said. "NARA provides the critical platform we need to help advocate for the rendering industry and ensures we are part of the solutions that drive its growth. It's a very important membership for any company committed to the long-term success of this vital industry, as it helps us stay connected to our customers and their issues."

At NARA, our goal is to highlight the strength of our membership while continuing to grow and engage our community. If you would like to share your company's perspective on the value of being in the room, I encourage you to reach out to me at amoulden@nara.org. Because when you're in the room, you're not just present — you're part of something bigger. **R**



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Vickers Passes Away

T. Owen Vickers Sr., 76, of Mountain Brook, Alabama, passed away April 5. Born in July 1949 in Lebanon, Tennessee, he was the son of the late M. Haber Vickers and Katherine Major Vickers. A third-generation leader in his family's business, he attended Castle Heights Military Academy before graduating from the University of Alabama in 1971 with a degree in business administration and a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Vickers began his career with Birmingham Hide & Tallow Co., Inc. (now operating as BHT ReSources) in 1965 and was elected chairman, CEO and president in 1985. Under his leadership, the company expanded its operations across Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee, serving customers from three production facilities while remaining committed to the family values of prompt service and fair market prices that had guided the business since the Vickers family acquired it in the mid-1930s.

In addition to his corporate responsibilities, he was an active real estate developer. His projects in central Alabama included condominiums, residential subdivisions, fast-food and bakery restaurants, grocery-anchored retail shopping centers, wholesale and industrial warehouses, and an automobile dealership complex. On Florida's Gulf Coast, he developed several condominium projects, and he also created a high-end resort subdivision in Durango, Colorado.

He previously served as a director of The Bancorp and Vesta Insurance, was a board member and chair of the North American Renderers Association and served on the boards of several privately held companies and organizations, including Children's Harbor. Vickers was a devoted family man and a longtime member of Church of the Highlands. He is survived

by his wife of many years, Marsha Vickers; their four children, Tal Vickers (Julie), Lelie Wright (Trent), Joni Kniseley (Chris), and Maggie Schmidt (Caleb); and numerous grandchildren.

Meat Foundation Selects McCullough

The Meat Foundation announced Dr. KatieRose McCullough as its next president and chief scientist, succeeding Susan Backus, who has served the nonprofit organization in various roles for the past 27 years. McCullough will also continue to serve as the senior director for science and public health at the Meat Institute. She joined the trade association in 2017.

McCullough has worked with the foundation for years to support student scholarships and help fund research on food safety, animal welfare, nutrition, worker safety and environmental sustainability. Backus will continue to focus on her role as vice president of regulatory and scientific affairs for the Meat Institute. She works on health and nutrition advocacy, which remains a major focus for the meat industry. She also serves as executive secretary of the Shelf-Stable Food Processors Association.

AFIA Promotions

The American Feed Industry Association promoted three key staffers. Gary Huddleston, formerly AFIA's director of feed manufacturing and regulatory affairs, was promoted to senior director of feed manufacturing and regulatory affairs. Jessica Morse, formerly director of meetings and events, is now senior director of meetings and events. And Lynette Tucker, formerly manager of meetings and sponsorships, is now senior manager of meetings and sponsorships. **R**

4 billion pounds

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NARA Congressional Fly-In

June 1-3, Washington, D.C. • nara.org/about-us/events

NARA Central Region Annual Meeting

June 9-11, Galena, IL • nara.org/about-us/events

66th Annual Poultry Festival

June 12-13, Rogers, AR • thepoultryfederation.com/events/poultry-festival

American Feed Industry Association's Feed Industry Institute

June 15-18, Minneapolis, MN • afia.org/events/fii

APPI Code of Practice

June 16, Springdale, AR • nara.org/about-us/events

APPI Laboratory Methods Training

June 17, Springdale, AR • nara.org/about-us/events

State of the Science Summit

June 16-18, Davis, CA • clear.ucdavis.edu

Global Alliance of Pet Food Associations Technical Congress and Annual General Meeting

June 21-24, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada • gapfa.org/gapfa-events

Reciprocal Meats Conference

June 21-24, Amarillo/Canyon, TX • meatscience.org/events-education/rmc

Pet Food Alliance Technical Meeting

June 24-25, Canyon, Texas • sites.google.com/rams.colostate.edu/pet-food-alliance-2026-technic?usp=sharing

July 2026

Euro Fed Lipid Food

July 2-3, Aveiro, Portugal • eurofedlipid.org/#mark-your-calendar

National Cattlemen's Beef Association Summer Meeting

July 12-14, Aurora, CO • ncba.org/events/summer-business-meeting

American Society of Animal Science Annual Meeting

July 19-23, Madison, WI • asas.org/meetings

19th International Feed Regulators Meeting

July 30-31, Foz do Iguacu, Brazil • ifif.org/our-work/project/international-feed-regulators-meeting-ifrm

August 2026

Quarterly NARA Committee Meetings

Aug. 13 • Virtual

National Safety Conference for the Poultry Industry

Aug. 17-19, Destin, FL • uspoultry.org/programs/education/seminar

AAFCO Annual Meeting

Aug. 26-28, San Diego, CA • aafco.org/events/meetings/annual/2026-annual-meeting

September 2026

REAM/International Rendering Conference

Sept. 8-10, Mendoza, Argentina • renderingamerica.com

21st Euro Fed Lipid Congress and Expo

Sept. 12-15, Rotterdam, The Netherlands • eurofedlipid.org/#mark-your-calendar

Australian Renderers Association Symposium

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