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## **Governor Deal Addresses Executives at IPE Luncheon**

ATLANTA, GA – “Poultry is the number one income producing activity for the state of Georgia, and the International Poultry Expo is the largest annual meeting of its kind held at the Georgia World Congress Center every year,” commented Georgia Governor Nathan Deal. Governor Deal was speaking to a group of poultry industry executives at a luncheon held during the 2012 International Poultry Expo and International Feed Expo. The luncheon was sponsored by Rabobank.

Governor Deal was introduced by Abit Massey, president emeritus for the Georgia Poultry Federation, and recipient of the 2012 USPOULTRY Harold E. Ford Lifetime Achievement Award. Governor Deal addressed many topics during his speech including the need to end ethanol mandates, Georgia’s new state-of-the-art poultry lab, the necessity for immigration reform to be addressed at the federal level, expanding export markets, and the importance of poultry exports to the port of Savannah and its continued growth and expansion.

“Governor Deal has long been a friend and advocate for the poultry industry. We appreciate him taking the time to meet with our industry leaders at the International Poultry Expo,” remarked John Starkey, president of U.S. Poultry & Egg Association.

U.S. Poultry & Egg Association is an all-feather organization representing the complete spectrum of today's poultry industry, with a focus on progressively serving member companies through research, education, communication, and technical assistance. Founded in 1947, U.S. Poultry & Egg Association is based in Tucker, GA.

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**Photo Caption:**

Georgia Governor Nathan Deal (right) and John Starkey, president of U.S. Poultry & Egg Association, at an executive luncheon held during the 2012 International Poultry Expo and International Feed Expo.



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