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Immunology and Nutrition Expert Appointed to Cal Poly Agriculture Faculty

Cal Poly's College of Agriculture has announced the appointment of Elizabeth Koutsos to the Foster Farms Professorship in Poultry Science. Koutsos is currently a research associate in the Avian Immunology/Nutrition Laboratory of the UC Davis Animal Science Department.

"Elizabeth's acceptance of our offer is a major step forward for Cal Poly," said David Wehner, dean of Cal Poly's College of Agriculture. "She has a proven record of effective teaching, active scholarly research and peer recognition."

Koutsos has held fellowships provided by the Pacific Egg and Poultry Association and has collaborated with researchers at many leading institutions, including the Washington National Zoo Nutrition Laboratory, Maryland Egg Council, San Diego Zoo and Pfizer Pharmaceutical Co. Her research has focused on the relationships between immunity and nutrition and the mechanisms by which nutrition and immunology affect commercial poultry production.

Koutsos is completing her doctorate in nutrition. She received a bachelor's degree in animal science from the University of Maryland, College Park, and a master's in nutrition from UC Davis. Her appointment to the Foster Farms Professorship in the College of Agriculture will be effective Dec. 16, 2002.

The new faculty position is supported by the College of Agriculture and Foster Farms. Foster Farms is the largest poultry company in the western United States. The company has some 10,000 employees and owns and operates hatcheries, grow-out ranches, feed mills, processing plants and delivery systems in California, Oregon, Washington and Alabama.

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