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NEWS ADVISORY

TO: News editors, assignment editors, agriculture reporters

RE: Cal Poly Experts on Exotic Newcastle Disease

Cal Poly's Poultry Science program has two professors on staff who are experts in Exotic Newcastle Disease, which is currently threatening poultry populations in Southern California. They are: Professor Robert Spiller, head of Cal Poly's Poultry Science Unit, and Professor Elizabeth Koutsos, an avian immunology expert recently appointed to Cal Poly's new Foster Farms Professorship in Poultry Science.

Both are available for interviews and background explanation of Exotic Newcastle Disease and measures being taken to halt the spread of the disease.

They can be reached in their offices at Cal Poly during normal business hours. Following is their contact information:

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