

# BUCK-WHEAT BYTES



Guinea Fowl International  
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## GFIA's 2009 Conference

*This year's Guinea Fowl International Conference promises to be, quite possibly, the most informative guinea-related conference ever!*

Numerous poultry, organic, and small-flock experts are lined up to share their expertise with us next spring in Georgetown, Delaware, USA.

For the first time ever, a research study involving guinea fowl is being conducted, ongoing right now, for the benefit of our group at our upcoming 2009 GFIA Conference. Researchers are exploring the benefits and efficacies of various natural controls of internal and external parasites on guinea fowl. This research has never been done with any kind of poultry, so both the GFIA and the researchers are very excited to learn the results.

Last year, while we were working out place, time, and speakers for our 2008 conference, we talked briefly with the poultry science department at the University of Maryland, and with an associate professor of animal

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and avian sciences, Dr. Nick Zimmerman. He wanted to be involved and to include his colleagues from the University of Delaware and other local poultry enthusiasts.

Not long after the conclusion of the 2008 Conference, we spoke with Dr. Zimmerman again, and he had an array of ideas for topics and speakers (see the agenda on the next page), as well as ideas for facilities.

The Conference is set for April 3-5 in Georgetown, DE. More information, such as fee, lodging, and travel details, will appear online and in our next newsletter. You need not be a member to attend.

## Membership Directory Included in this Issue

Several GFIA members asked us last year to compile and share a list of GFIA members, contact information, and types of guinea fowl kept.

In 2008 we began including the question on the membership form: How would you like to be listed in the GFIA Membership Directory?

Three options are available: Full listing to include name, full mailing address, phone # and email address, as well as what color guinea fowl are

kept; name, city, state/province, country, email, and colors kept; and first initial and last name only.

If you would like to change your listing, or if you spot any errors, please contact us:

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Or email through [www.guineafowlinternational.org](http://www.guineafowlinternational.org)

## Guinea Fowl Conference 2009 Agenda

### Pre-Conference Welcome Dinner (Thursday Evening, April 2)

5:00 - 9:00     **Welcome Dinner** - For GFIA Conference Attendees (TBA)

### Day 1: Small-Scale Poultry Health (Friday, April 3)

7:00 - 8:00     **Breakfast**  
 8:00 - 8:15     Introduction  
 8:15 - 8:45     Why keep Guineas? (Dr. Nick Zimmerman)  
 8:45 - 9:45     The Basics of Biosecurity & Survey Results (Dr. Jennifer Timmons)  
 9:45 -10:30     Biosecurity Scenarios (Dr. Brigid McCrea)  
 10:45 -11:45    Diseases of Guinea Fowl (Dr. Daniel Bautista, Avian Veterinarian)  
 11:45 -12:00    Biosecurity and Disease Q&A Panel  
 12:00 - 1:00    **Lunch**  
 1:00 - 2:00     Internal Parasites and Natural Control Methods (Dr Steve Fitz-Coy)  
 2:00 - 3:00     ID of External Parasites in Poultry: Modern & Alternative Treatments (Dr. Brigid McCrea)  
 3:15 - 4:15     State Regulations and Crossing State Lines (Dr. Osorio)  
 4:15 - 4:30     Health & Nutrition Survey (Dr. Brigid McCrea)  
 6:00 - 7:00     **Dinner**  
 7:30 - 9:00     Guinea Fowl International - General Meeting

### Day 2: Small-Scale Poultry Management (Saturday, April 4)

7:00 - 8:00     **Breakfast**  
 8:00 - 9:00     Raising Wild Waterfowl (Dr. Rich Barczewski)  
 9:00 - 9:30     Organic & Pastured Poultry: Getting Started (Carolyn Berl-Donald)  
 9:00 -11:30     Organic Pastured Poultry Farm Tour (Carolyn Berl-Donald)  
 12:00 - 1:15    **Lunch & Chef**  
 1:15 - 1:45     Good Reads for Poultry Owners (McCrea)  
 1:45 - 2:45     Profiting from a Small Flock (Clendaniel)  
 2:45 - 4:45     Japanese Washi Egg Demonstration & Activity (McCrea)  
 4:45 - 5:30     Preparing Birds for Show (Wasylkowski)  
 6:00 - 7:00     **Dinner**

### Day 3: Small-Scale Poultry Species (Sunday, April 5)

7:00 - 8:00     **Breakfast**  
 8:00 - 9:15     Feeding and Nutrition of Exotics (Dr. Bill Saylor)  
 9:15 -10:00     Housing and Ventilation (Dr. Gary VanWicklen)  
 10:15 -11:15    *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter* from Farm to Fork: Guinea Fowl and Other Niche Species (Dr. Brigid McCrea)  
 11:15 -12:00    Judging Guineas and The Standard (Mr. S. Robert Powell)  
 12:00 - 1:00    **Lunch & Goodbyes**

**GFIA memberships expire** at the end of this year; please renew today! (If you're not currently a member, please join. Benefits include a Welcome Packet, thrice-yearly newsletters, educational materials, plus you'll be supporting our work:

- ♦ Supporting the responsible keeping and breeding of guinea fowl;
- ♦ Educating on the care and habits of guinea fowl;
- ♦ Assisting those interested in incubating, hatching, and keeping guinea fowl.

Write us at the address below; visit our website, or call 979-773-9100 for membership information.

**2009 Membership Rates:**

(all prices in U.S. dollars)

Check One:

- Single Membership ..... \$20.00
- Family Membership ....\$28.00
- Junior Membership  
(Age 15 & under) ..... \$5.00
- Breeders List Only ..... \$5.00

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**USA**

Please include your name, address, phone number(s), email address. Also, we'd like to know whether and how you want to be listed in our membership directory, how many and what color guinea fowl you have, and whether you'd be interested in serving on a committee or contributing to our thrice yearly newsletter.

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