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S.F. “Sarge” Bilgili is a native of Turkey who received his DVM degree from Ankara University in Turkey in 1977, his master’s degree from Oregon State University in 1981, and the Ph.D. from Auburn University in 1984. Bilgili joined the Department of Poultry Science faculty at Auburn University in 1985 as an assistant professor and Extension poultry processing specialist, later attaining the ranks of associate professor and professor in 1991 and 1996, respectively.

Bilgili’s current responsibilities include developing and implementing extension/outreach and research programs in the areas of broiler processing technology, slaughter and processing efficiency, broiler carcass quality and meat yield, food safety and HACCP programs, product wholesomeness, and animal welfare. He is an author or co-author of numerous articles in scientific and trade journals and has been invited to speak at many national and international meetings.

Bilgili is a member of several industry and academic committees and editorial review boards and has served as the president of the Poultry Science Association and Southern Poultry Science Society. He also served as the chairman of the National Chicken Council Animal Welfare Scientific Advisory Committee and as a

member of the Board of Directors of the Federation of Animal Science Societies. He is currently serving as president of the U.S. Branch of the World’s Poultry Science Association and is a member of the PSA Foundation Board and American Humane Association Scientific Advisory Committee.

He is the recipient of several recognitions, including the Sigma Xi Research Award, Alabama Poultry and Egg Association Distinguished Service Award, National Broiler Council Broiler Research Award, Pfizer Extension Award, WPSA Education Award, and the PSA Poultry Products Research Award.