Global Ingredient Manufacturer Leads Conversation on ABF Meat Production

Kemin organizes worldwide event on antibiotic-free production

Herentals, Belgium (April 27, 2018) – Kemin Industries, a global nutritional ingredient company that uses science to touch 3.8 billion people every day with its products and services, recently organized an event bringing together top marketers, producers, field veterinarians and scientists from three continents to discuss the future of antibiotic-free (ABF) meat production.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), this is a very current topic: “Antimicrobial drugs play a critical role in the treatment of diseases, their use is essential to protect both human and animal health.”

In April 2018, Kemin brought together over 120 scientific and industry experts from 40 nations in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and North and South America to discuss ABF meat production in Lisbon, Portugal. The symposium linked together stakeholders from all parts of the livestock production chain, from scientific to production experts. The industry experts, producers in the audience and retailers exchanged points of view on the realities of ABF meat production. Speakers included those from the U.S. and Korean ABF broiler production sectors and British pig and poultry production sectors; German animal welfare scientists; and U.S., Belgian and Spanish experts on the legal and societal framework of antibiotic use in the global livestock industry.

Dr. Stef De Smet, Marketing Manager, Kemin Animal Nutrition and Health, Europe said, “As a marketing manager and veterinarian, I particularly liked seeing the different views on ABF production from people involved in the production chain and the scientists. What really struck me was the overall positive approach of the different stakeholders to this challenge.”

The event lead to a lively, informed discussion, with the best speakers on the topic of ABF production and marketing of ABF meat products discussing consumer, welfare and industry requirements. Production and marketing groups, established ABF producers and those new to the field took away new ideas and concepts for their home markets from this event. New practical tools for improved antibiotic stewardship is certainly the insight that travelled home with the participants.

About Kemin Industries

Kemin Industries (www.kemin.com) is a global ingredient manufacturer with a focus on improving the quality of life for over 3.8 billion people each day with more than 500 specialty ingredients made for the human and animal health, pet food, nutraceutical, food technology, crop technologies and textile industries.

For over half a century, Kemin has been dedicated to using applied science to address industry challenges and offers product solutions to customers in more than 120 countries. Kemin provides ingredients to feed a growing population with its commitment to the quality, safety and efficacy of food, feed and health-related products.

Established in 1961, Kemin is a privately-held, family-owned and operated company with more than 2,500 employees globally and operations in 90 countries, including manufacturing facilities in Belgium, Brazil, China, India, Italy, Russia, Singapore, South Africa and the United States.

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