



Good Agricultural Practices in the Indian Layer Industry; Opportunities and Challenges for Egg Powder Export

A two days Workshop on Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) in the Indian Layer Industry; Opportunities and Challenges for Egg Powder Export was organized at Hotel Sun and Sand, in Pune. The Workshop was jointly organized by Wageningen University, Netherlands, ANTHRA and Vrutti. It was part of an on going study relating to GAP in Egg Powder Export Value Chain in India.



Workshop Inauguration with lighting of lamp by Mr. **Peter Van Horne**, Wageningen UR, The Netherlands



Workshop facilitated by Vrutti. N. Raghunathan Director, Vrutti in action

Vrutti is a Bangalore based organization having experience and expertise in value chain analysis and development. Over the last 15 years, it has worked with different organizations including private companies, NGOs, Bilateral/Multilateral Agencies, Government, academic and research institutions. It operates through its Network of Regional Offices based at Delhi, Bhubaneswar, Bhopal, Hyderabad, Ranchi, Madurai, and also in Cambodia. ANTHRA is a Pune based organization focusing on livestock, livelihood and environment issues. Representatives of Egg Powder Industry, Poultry Farmers, Agriculture Universities and Research Institutions, Export Inspection Council, Animal Welfare Board of India, Animal Welfare Organizations and Individual experts participated and presented in the workshop. Mr N Raghunathan, Director Vrutti facilitated the workshop proceedings.

Over the last several years, there has been thrust on manufacturing and export of egg powder from India to promising markets like European Union, Japan and also South East Asian countries. Currently, combined export of 3 egg powder units in India is about 10,000 tons in a year. In the past, egg powder export from India has suffered from compliance to high food safety standards imposed by importing countries like Europe and Japan. Similarly, in near future compliance to animal welfare standards may also create challenge for the egg producing units. In the workshop, there was detail discussion on egg powder trade, food safety and animal welfare. This first of its kind multi stakeholder consultation was a learning opportunity for most of the delegates, and opened up action points to develop GAP in egg powder industry in India more pertaining to food safety and animal welfare standards.