



YOUR FEDERATION NEWS

DECEMBER 2007

A SPECIAL "THANKS!" FOR ALL OUR MEMBER SUPPORT!

FROM: BOB FORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Year 2007 has proven to be very busy and very productive for the North Carolina Poultry Federation. With a continued upswing in our membership, I am pleased to report that our Grower members have increased by over 300%, that the loyal and strong support of our Associate members and sponsors continues to rise, and that Fair Share commitments solidly continue from our vitally important member integrators - all strengthening our united, collaborative efforts. A special "Thanks!" also goes out this year to all those who contributed to our 2007 "NC Poultry PAC" Campaign effort – our largest ever! Great job!

Many positive accomplishments all add up to a very successful 2007 for your North Carolina Poultry Federation. I wish to extend a heartfelt **"THANK YOU!"** to all our loyal, hard working members who helped make it happen! Let's continue to work together for even more success in 2008!



KEY LEGISLATIVE NEWS - Your NCPF helped push through the important Senate Bill 3 that will establish a renewable energy and energy efficiency portfolio standard (REPS) in North Carolina. Our state is one of 24 states that have adopted standards requiring electric utilities to generate power from renewable resources. Beginning in 2012, at least 170,000 megawatt-hours will have to be supplied by poultry waste, rising to 900,000 megawatt-hours in 2014. Another important part of this bill is the phase out over the next four years of sales taxes paid by farmers and manufacturers on electricity and on piped natural gas.

Your NCPF helped to prevent poultry growers utilizing small propane gas storage tanks from having to register their farms with the Department of Homeland Security and implementing complex risk assessments and site security plans. The new larger storage capacity threshold was increased to 60,000 lbs. (14,285 gal).

Your NCPF also worked closely with the Bladen County Livestock Association and others to help defeat a proposed county health rule that would have posed unnecessary restrictions on new poultry housing.

IMPROVED WEB SITE – WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS! - Your NCPF is moving towards a more streamlined and efficient communication pipeline to our members with an improved Web site, as well as electronically generated newsletters. Snail mail is fast becoming a tool of the past. **Next year, your NCPF will be asking all members to help by sending your current e-mail address to the Federation office.** Snail mail will be honored by **special requests only** from members who do not have access to the Internet.

POPULATION GROWTH IMPACT ON NC POULTRY INDUSTRY - Growth is on the radar screen here in NC. It's a hot topic everyone's discussing, and it is especially important to us when it encroaches on our farmland and competes with our natural resources. NC is in the early stages of monumental change - a metamorphosis, so to speak. It has been reported that 21 new North Carolinians are added to our state's population every hour! That's over 180,000 each year! According to the U.S. Census Bureau, by 2030 NC is targeted to become the seventh most populated state in the US --- over 12 million people! This change is an opportunity for NC to become an even better place, but we'll all need to pull together to help make the right decisions and investments necessary to protect our farms, our forests, and our agricultural base. The NC General Assembly's goal is to protect more land, but we've been losing 100,000 acres of farmland each year. Our state is ranked third behind Texas & Ohio in lost farms. Your NCPF will continue to work with our elected officials and others to help protect our poultry industry – ranked **NUMBER ONE** in farm cash receipts. Over 5,000 farm families produce poultry and eggs. Our industry also provides additional poultry-related jobs for over 30,000 North Carolinians. As NCPF members working together, we will not only help to strengthen our position, but we will ensure our survival.

FROM THE NCPF STAFF, THE OFFICERS, AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON AND A VERY PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR !!!!

2007 NORTH CAROLINA POULTRY SERVICE PERSONS HONORED



[Photo L to R:] Poultry service persons recognized and honored at a special award ceremony held during the 2007 North Carolina Broiler Breeder & Hatchery Management Conference held recently in Statesville, NC, were: [Front Row:] Honoree Doug Spears with Tyson Foods-Wilkesboro, NC; honoree Jacob Cook with Perdue Farms-Statesville, NC; and honoree Brad Smith with Pilgrim's Pride-Sanford, NC. [Back Row:] Also on hand for the special presentations were Phil Brooks with the Pilgrim's Pride operation in Sanford, who is the current President of the NC Breeder Hatchery Association; and the Federation's Executive Director, Bob Ford, who personally presented the honorees' their award plaques. Additional service persons recognized and honored during the special two-day conference were: Bernie Miller with Perdue Farms-Yadkinville, NC; Clay Walker with Mountaire Farms; Curtis Sharpe with Mountaire Farms; and Garrett Bradford with Wayne Farms. Not present but also recognized during the special ceremony was honoree David Honeycutt with Tyson Foods' Monroe operation. ***OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!***

YOUR NC POULTRY FEDERATION AT WORK



NCPF's Executive Director, Bob Ford [Far Right], was on hand recently at NCSU's Park Alumni Center for a special check presentation from the US Poultry & Egg Harold E. Ford Foundation in support of essential elements of undergraduate recruiting by NCSU's Poultry Science Department. Also taking part in the special ceremony were: [L to R:] Dr. Barbara Kirby, NCSU's Associate Director of Academic Programs and Director of the NCSU-CALS Agricultural Institute; Dr. Sam Pardue, NCSU's Poultry Science Department Head; and Jay Daniels with Hubbard Breeders, who presented the check on behalf of the USPEA.



NCPF'S 2008 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

[Photo L to R:] KEITH SHOEMAKER with Butterball, LLC - Immediate Past President; KENDALL CASEY with Perdue Farms-Rockingham - Secretary-Treasurer; GATOR PELLETIER with Goldsboro Milling Company - 2nd Vice President; CHARLES GLASS with Tyson Foods-Monroe - 1st Vice President; and DAVID ANDERSON with Butterball, LLC - President