



U.S. POULTRY & EGG ASSOCIATION

FAMILY FARM ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

APPLICATION RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. Entries must be submitted by **Tuesday, September 1, 2009**.
2. A family farm may be selected as an award recipient from up to five regions. Although states are typically divided into various regions as indicated below, regional divisions may be adjusted slightly to accommodate for a disparity in number of applications received on a state-by-state basis.

Northeast:	CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VA, VT, WV
Southeast:	AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN
South Central:	AR, KS, LA, MO, OK, TX
North Central:	IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, OH, SD, WI
West:	Rest of nation

3. Any USPOULTRY integrator or egg processor may submit one family farm for each complex in each state supporting their operations. For example, if an integrator has a complex in Virginia which is supplied with poultry from family farms in West Virginia, Virginia and Pennsylvania, that integrator can submit a nominee from each of those three states.

For companies with multiple complexes in a single state, note that while a nominee can be submitted for each complex, the Review Committee will not select two semifinalists from the same state and company.

Any independent producer or grower who is a member of USPOULTRY may self-nominate. Each affiliated state association may submit two nominees.

4. An original application and 10 copies should be submitted to:

Mr. Paul J. Bredwell III, P.E.
U.S. Poultry & Egg Association
1530 Cooledge Road
Tucker, GA 30084-7303

The multiple copies are requested to facilitate distribution to the Review Committee. If the applicant does not submit copies, USPOULTRY can only make black and white copies so any color feature will be lost. Applicants are also encouraged to submit electronic media copies of all application documents.

Please note that any material submitted cannot be returned.

5. Award winners must be willing to allow USPOULTRY to feature the award winner on its web site and publicize the winning entry in the local/regional/national media. Award winners will have the opportunity to review any publicity release.
6. The application package consists of two parts. The first part consists of a general information questionnaire about the family farm and its environmental management techniques. The second part consists of a series of essay questions to which the applicant should respond in a report type format. Photographs, tables, etc., supporting answers to the essay questions should be incorporated directly into the report. Additionally, a facility may include, in an appendix, up to 10 additional pages of pertinent information.
7. A review committee will meet in September to evaluate the applications and select two semifinalists in each state. All applications will be treated confidentially. A regional review committee will then visit the semifinalists to select the award winners. The award winners will be announced at the 62nd Annual International Poultry Expo in Atlanta, GA in January 2010.
8. Questions? Please contact Paul Bredwell or Elaine Hilliard at (770) 493-9401.



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APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE (Application Deadline: September 1, 2009)

Farm Name _____
Mailing Address _____
City/State/ZIP _____
Phone _____ Fax _____
Contact Name _____ E-Mail _____
Farm Location _____
(if different from above)
Location Address _____
City/State/ZIP _____

Award Region Northeast: CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VA, WV, VT
 Southeast: AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN
 South Central: AR, KS, LA, MO, OK, TX
 North Central: IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
 West: Rest of Nation

Type of Facility Broiler Egg Turkey _____

Name of Integrator (if applicable) _____

Type of Litter Production Wet System Dry Litter Deep Stack

Are other agricultural operations occurring on the farm (i.e., forage production, row crops, cattle, etc.):

Yes No If yes, please list: _____

Total Farm Acreage _____ Acreage in 100 Year Flood Plain _____

Number of Poultry Houses _____ Total Farm Bird Capacity/Flock _____

Litter Handling Practices:

Estimate the percentage of litter directed to each of the following outlets from this farm:

Applied to Growers Pasture/Forage Fields _____	Utilized as Cattle Feed _____
Applied to Growers Row Crop Fields _____	Composted & Removed or Sold Off Site _____
Applied to Growers Fruit Crops Fields _____	Litter Processing _____
Sold to Third Party _____	Rendering _____
“Trade Out” to Third Party Vendor _____	Other _____

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Litter Storage Practices:

Please indicate the current litter storage practice on the farm:

Litter Shed _____
Temporary Tarping _____
In-house Storage, Transport Directly _____
to Final Usage _____
Lagoon Storage _____
Other (Name) _____

Mortality Disposal: Composting _____ Freezers _____ Incineration _____
Burial Pit _____ Other (Name) _____

Year Nutrient Management Plant (NMP) implemented: _____

Year NMP addressed Phosphorus: _____



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ESSAY QUESTIONNAIRE

Instructions: Applicant should complete each of the following essay questions. The report format for the essay section is open and by choice of each applicant. You may include photos, etc., in the report. Further, you may attach up to ten additional pages of supporting information (newspaper or magazine articles, etc.) if so desired. Please note that materials submitted with the application cannot be returned.

1. Describe litter management techniques in place at the farm. Examples of items that could be included are implementation of the nutrient management plan, soil test frequency and incorporation of those results in the NMP, crop or forage selection, other litter end-uses, clean out frequency, etc. Emphasis should be placed on steps taken by the farm to enhance water quality, minimize runoff or erosion, reduce odor and insuring proper utilization of litter or mortality.
2. Please describe your community involvement efforts that helps promote environmental excellence, or helps enhance the understanding of others concerning the operation of a poultry farm.
3. Please describe any conservationalist or wildlife enhancement techniques in use at the farm.
4. Please describe any unique or innovative techniques utilized for mortality or nutrient management at the farm. Describe any unique or innovative Best Management Practice implemented.
5. Please describe any educational, outreach or training programs you have utilized or participated in order to learn more on environmental management.
6. Please describe what you see as the role and responsibility for the poultry grower or producer in environmental management.
7. Please enclose five photographs of farm facilities (prints, negatives or high quality digital media (>250 KB) in the package. At least one photo should have family members or employees for the farm.

NOTE: Please be sure to submit the original and ten copies for the Review Committee's use. This is particularly important if you include color photographs, articles, tables or charts, as our copying equipment produces black and white copies only. Additionally, applicants are encouraged to also submit material via electronic media.