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Poultry Industry Recognizes 115 Poultry Facilities for Outstanding Safety Performance

Myrtle Beach, S.C. – Aug. 26, 2015 – The Joint Industry Safety and Health Council recognized 115 chicken and turkey facilities for outstanding safety performance through the implementation of innovative and effective employee safety and health programs. The annual safety awards were presented during the 2015 National Safety Conference for the Poultry Industry held in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The Joint Industry Safety and Health Council consist of members from the U.S. Poultry & Egg Association, National Chicken Council and National Turkey Federation. Collectively, the three organizations represent companies that produce 95 percent of the nation’s poultry products and directly employ more than 350,000 workers.

"The 2015 awards program resulted in the largest number of award recipients ever, despite more rigorous conditions to qualify. This increase further highlights the industry’s dedication to workplace safety. We congratulate these facilities and their management teams. The awards recognize their excellent safety performance achievement as a result of successful and advanced programs. The significant and continued decrease in illness and injury rates among poultry’s workforce over the last two decades is a direct result of their commitment to worker safety,” said the Council.

The total recordable poultry processing illness and injury rate for 2013 was 4.5 cases per 100 full-time workers (per year), down from 4.9 in 2012. This represents an 80 percent decrease from 1994 (the oldest data available on the BLS website), when the recorded rate was 22.7, demonstrating the enormous progress poultry processors have made in improving safety for our workforce.

Award consideration was based on injury statistics over three years and an evaluation of written applications by judges Doug Britton, program manager for Agricultural Technology Research at Georgia Tech Research Institute, and George Nassif of Aon Global Risk Consulting. Sixty-four facilities received the highest level of recognition, "Award of Distinction." The other categories included "Award of Honor" and "Award of Merit."
Award of Distinction

**Cargill Meat Solutions**
Waco, TX – Processing

**Cargill Turkey Production LLC**
Gentry, AR – Hatchery
Harrisonburg, VA – Feed Mill

**Case Farms Inc.**
Goldsboro, NC – Further Processing

**Foster Poultry Farms, Inc.**
Demopolis, AL – Corndog Plant
Emmett, AR – Feed Mill
Turlock, CA – Cooked Plant
Turlock, CA – Processing
Delta, CO – Feed Mill
Athens, LA – Hatchery
Farmerville, LA – Cooked Plant
Farmerville, LA – Processing
Cherry Ave – Processing

**GNP Company**
Arcadia, WI – Feed Mill

**House of Raeford**
Arcadia, LA – Processing

**Keystone Foods LLC**
Eufaula, AL – Processing
Gadsden, AL – Processing
Camilla, GA – Hatchery
Camilla, GA – Processing
Albany, KY – Processing
Reidsville, NC – Processing

**Koch Foods, Inc.**
Collinsville, AL – Processing
Gadsden, AL – Processing
Forest, MS – Debone
Morton, MS – Further Processing

**Mountaire Farms Inc.**
Frankford, DE – Feed Mill
Selbyville, DE – Processing
Lumber Bridge, NC – Processing
Statesville, NC – Hatchery
**Peco Foods, Inc.**  
Sebastopol, MS - Processing

**Perdue Farms**  
Georgetown, DE – Processing  
Milford, DE – Processing  
Perry, GA – Cook Plant  
Perry, GA – Fresh Processing  
Cromwell, KY – Processing  
Salisbury, MD – Processing  
Concord, NC – Further Processing  
Halifax, NC – Hatchery  
Lewiston, NC – Processing  
Rockingham, NC – Processing  
Dillon, SC – Hatchery  
Dillon, SC – Processing  
Monterey, TN – Further Processing  
Accomac, VA – Processing  
Bridgewater, VA – Further Processing

**Pilgrim’s Corp**  
Cohutta, GA – Hatchery  
Gainesville, GA – Hatchery  
Natchitoches, LA – Processing  
Broadway, VA – Processing  
Moorefield, WV – Prepared Foods

**Sanderson Farms**  
Adel, GA – Hatchery

**Simmons Foods, Inc.**  
Decatur, AR – Processing  
Siloam Springs, AR – Hatchery

**Tyson / River Valley Animal Foods**  
Robards, KY – Rendering

**Tyson Foods, Inc.**  
Storm Lake, IA – Processing

**Wayne Farms LLC**  
Decatur, AL – East Further Processing  
Decatur, AL – West Further Processing  
Dothan, AL – Processing  
Enterprise, AL – Processing  
Troy, AL – Hatchery  
Union Springs, AL – Processing  
Pendergrass, GA – Processing  
Laurel, MS – Hatchery  
Elkin, NC – Hatchery
Award of Honor

Cargill Turkey Production LLC
Springdale, AR – Feed Mill

Case Farms
Goldsboro, NC – Hatchery

Cobb-Vantress, Inc.
Siloam Springs, AR – Feed Mill
Wadesboro, NC – Hatchery
Timpson, TX – Hatchery

George’s Inc.
Springdale, AR – Processing

Gerber Poultry
Kidron, OH – Processing

House of Raeford
West Columbia, SC – Complex

Jennie-O Turkey Store
Dawson, MN – Feed Mill
Montevideo, MN - Processing
Willmar, MN – Willmar Ave Plant
Barron, WI – Feed Mill

Koch Foods
Cumming, GA – Debone
Pine Mountain Valley, GA – Processing
Morton, MS – Feed Mill

Mountaire Farms
Millsboro, DE – Feed Mill

Peco Farms Inc.
Gordo, AL – Hatchery
Batesville, AR – Processing
West Fulton St. – Processing

Perdue Farms Inc.
Bridgeville, DE – Feed Mill
Thorntown, IN – Hatchery
Washington, IN – Feed Mill
Hurlock, MD – Feed Mill
Westover, MD – Hatchery
Murfreesboro, NC – Hatchery
**Pilgrim’s Pride Corporation**
Ft. Payne, AL – Hatchery
Guntersville, AL – Processing
Gainesville, GA – Processing
Marshville, NC – Processing
Center, TX – Hatchery
Nacogdoches, TX – Hatchery
Harrisonburg, VA – Feed Mill

**Sanderson Farms, Inc.**
Collins, MS – Hatchery

**Sanderson Farms, Inc. – Foods Division**
Flowood, MS

**Simmons Foods**
Pineville, MO – Hatchery
Van Buren, AR – Processing
Southwest City, MO – Processing

**Tyson Foods**
Nashville, AR – Processing
Dexter, MO – Hatchery

**Wayne Farms LLC**
Danville, AR – Hatchery

**Award of Merit**

**George’s Inc.**
Springdale, AR – Further Processing

**Gerber Farm Division**
Kidron, OH – Hatchery

**Jennie-O Turkey Store**
Melrose, MN – Processing
Barron, WI – Processing
West Central Turkeys

**Koch Foods**
Montgomery, AL – Feed Mill
Chattanooga, TN – Feed Mill

**Peco Farms Inc.**
Tuscaloosa, AL – Processing
Feather Lane – Further Processing

**Pilgrim’s Corp.**
Athens, GA – Processing
### Tyson Foods
Dexter, MO – Feed Mill

### Award Presentation Pictures
Pictures of the award presentations will be available Friday afternoon. Please contact us if you would like a picture emailed to you.

### About U.S. Poultry and Egg Association
U.S. Poultry & Egg Association (USPOULTRY) is the all-feather organization representing the complete spectrum of today’s poultry industry, whose mission is to progressively serve member companies through research, education, communication and technical assistance. Founded in 1947, USPOULTRY is based in Tucker, Ga.

### About the National Chicken Council
The National Chicken Council (NCC) represents integrated chicken producer-processors, the companies that produce and process chickens. Member companies of NCC account for more than 95 percent of the chicken sold in the United States.

### About the National Turkey Federation
The National Turkey Federation (NTF) is the national advocate raising awareness for its members' products, while strengthening their ability to profitably and safely deliver wholesome, high-quality, and nutritious food to consumers worldwide. NTF represents growers, processors, hatchers, breeders, distributors, allied services and state associations. NTF is found at EatTurkey.org, on Twitter @TurkeyGal and on Facebook as Turkey. The Perfect Protein®