



## YOUR FEDERATION NEWS

APRIL 2007

### STATE LEVEL NEWS

## GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS APRIL “POULTRY MONTH” IN NORTH CAROLINA

As a special highlight featuring poultry's prominence in the State of North Carolina, **Governor Michael F. Easley** recently proclaimed April as “Poultry Month” in the Tar Heel State. In his Proclamation, Governor Easley urges, “...all citizens to recognize the importance of the poultry industry in our state.” His official Proclamation notes: “North Carolina’s poultry industry is the top agricultural enterprise in our state, with approximately 5,000 North Carolina farm families producing poultry products valued at more than \$3 billion.” It further notes that our state’s poultry industry, “employs over 28,000 North Carolinians in poultry production, hatcheries, feed mills, processing plants, poultry product wholesaling, and rendering and meat by-product processing facilities.”

Taking great pride in the fact that North Carolina Poultry Federation members directly contribute to the industry’s overall success, **Bob Ford, NCPF’s Executive Director**, recently paid a visit to **State Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler** at his Raleigh office to personally share with him the good news touted in the Governor’s official Proclamation. Poultry accounts for 37% of North Carolina’s total farm income, significantly bolstering our state’s economy.

**NCPF’S BOARD OF DIRECTORS PLANS POSITIVE 2007 STRATEGIES:** **Keith Shoemaker, President and CEO of Butterball, LLC, and our current NCPF President**, recently conducted the Federation’s 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Board of Directors meeting in Raleigh, NC. Key agenda items and presentations during the meeting included: a field diagnostic disease update from **Dr. Sarah Mason with the NCDA&CS Veterinary Division**; a progress report on NCSU’s new Feed Mill from **Dr. Charles Stark with CAL’s Feed Science Department**; a student number update from NCSU’s Poultry Science Department by **Dr. Mike Wineland, the new Departmental Extension Leader**; a planned policy change notice regarding the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) from **Dick Fowler with the USDA-NRCS**; a report on current and future marketing plans from **Kim Decker with the NCDA&CS**; a broad spectrum update on North Carolina’s current emergency status from **Jim Howard with the NCDA&CS Department of Emergency Services**; and a Federation financial audit report from **Rick Dupree, CPA, with Stancil & Company**, the Federation’s auditors. The meeting was well-attended and was very informative.

### **NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION MOVES INTO HIGHER GEAR:**

Since the NC General Assembly convened on January 24<sup>th</sup>, very few items of legislation have actually been ratified thus far. Both the Senate and the House public bill filing deadlines have already passed, and legislative staffers report more bills have been submitted to the drafting office than during any previous Session. Legislative activity has now accelerated and much of it is devoted to the budget process, including appropriations and revenue issues. House and Senate

budget writers have agreed, for now, to trim the amount of money Governor Easley wants to spend. According to documents provided by lawmakers, chief budget writers at the NC General Assembly have told colleagues to create spending plans in the departments they oversee that are a combined \$210 million less than what the Governor requested in his budget proposal. Although this is a reduction of just one percent (1%) of the Governor's proposed \$20.1 billion budget, it cuts by forty percent (40%) the \$350 million in new programs and initiatives sought by the Governor. Legislative leaders are holding back on spending in part because they are still uncertain of what tax changes to make. Representative Jim Crawford, D-Granville and co-chair of the House Appropriations Committee, said the House is expected to approve a budget by May 7. The Senate will follow with its own spending plan and with a final compromise likely to be approved before the new fiscal year begins on July 1.

At the current time, there do not appear to be any viable bills looming with a significant impact upon the poultry industry. An on-going review of all items will continue, of course, to monitor any potential impact upon North Carolina's poultry industry.

## **NATIONAL LEVEL NEWS**

**NATIONAL CHICKEN COUNSEL (NCC) SUPPORTS COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM:** The NCC has announced that it endorses a temporary guest worker program and an employment verification system and that it has urged Congress to enact legislation facilitating the legal immigration of properly documented workers.

**NATIONAL CHICKEN COUNCIL CALLS FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTION REGARDING ETHANOL PRODUCTION:** Noting that feed costs in the broiler chicken industry alone have gone up by 40 percent and that the price of corn has more than doubled due to the demand from ethanol producers, the NCC is recommending that Congress take immediate steps to restore balance to competing demands on the nation's corn supply for the production of food and fuel.

**EPA PLANS AN EXEMPTION FOR CAFO EMISSIONS FROM SUPERFUND REPORTING:** EPA Administrator Stephen Johnson announced on February 28<sup>th</sup> that the agency is preparing to propose a regulation exempting concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) from mandates to report their air emissions under Superfund law. More details will be forthcoming.

## **PEOPLE & PLACES**

Congratulations to **Porter Farms, Concord, NC**, on being selected as one of five family farms across the nation to receive the "Family Farm Environmental Excellence Award" from the US Poultry & Egg Association during its 2007 International Poultry Expo held in January in Atlanta, GA. Porter Farms was chosen as the Mid-Atlantic Region winner in recognition of its exemplary environmental stewardship. Award nominees were rated for excellence in several categories, including dry litter or liquid waste management, nutrient management planning, local community involvement, wildlife enhancement techniques, innovative nutrient management techniques, and participation in outreach programs. Federation members will recall that **Tommy Porter, Jr., a broiler breeder pullet grower for Tyson Foods' Monroe Division Complex**, was the **1<sup>st</sup> Place winner** of the **Federation's 2006 Environmental Award** at last year's annual membership meeting held in Greensboro, NC. Again, congratulations to the entire Porter family on this latest honor and award! Great job!

NCSU's Food Science and Technology Department has announced the hiring of **Fletcher Arritt, II, Ph.D. as the Poultry and Egg Processing Extension Specialist.** Dr. Arritt joins the Department with a diverse background that includes research, validation studies, microbiological survey projects, Campylobacter isolation training, and HACCP training. He states that he is eager to provide support in North Carolina and looks forward to meeting and working with industry associates. Dr. Arritt can be reached by phone at 919/513-0176 or by email at [fletcher\\_arritt@ncsu.edu](mailto:fletcher_arritt@ncsu.edu). Welcome Dr. Arritt!

**SPECIAL INDUSTRY NEWS**

**PERDUE FARMS' ROCKINGHAM COMPLEX REACHES SAFETY MILESTONE:** Congratulations to **Perdue Farms** on passing the 2 million man-hour mark of accident free operation at its Rockingham Complex. **Kendall Casey, Complex Manager of Perdue's Rockingham location,** currently serves on the Federation's Board of Directors.

**PLEASE NOTE:** FYI - The North Carolina Poultry Federation estimates that the nondeductible portion of your Federation dues attributable to lobbying is twenty percent (20%).

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

- April 17 **Broiler Supervisors' Short Course**  
McSwain Center, Sanford, NC  
Contact: Dr. Edgar Oviedo (919) 515-5391
- April 24-26 **Introduction to HACCP Training Workshop**  
Ramada Inn-Blue Ridge, Raleigh, NC  
Contact: Lisa Gordon (919) 515-2956
- May 14-18 **International Course on Poultry Production**  
NCSU's Scott Hall, Raleigh, NC  
Contact: Dr. Edgar Oviedo (919) 515-5391
- June 5 **AG Day at the NC General Assembly**  
Halifax Mall (next to LOB), 300 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC  
Contact: Federation Office (919) 783-8218
- June 20-22 **NC/VA Egg Industry Conference and Mid-Atlantic Layer Workshop**  
King and Prince Beach and Golf Resort, St. Simons Island, GA  
Contact: Dr. Kenneth Anderson (919) 515-5527
- July 26-28 **Carolina Feed Industry's 2007 Summer Convention**  
Kingston Plantation-Embassy Suites, Myrtle Beach, SC  
Contact: [www.carolinafeed.com](http://www.carolinafeed.com) or (919) 855-8981
- Aug 9-10 **NCPF's Annual Membership Banquet**  
Grandover Resort, Greensboro, NC  
Contact: Federation Office (919)783-8218

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## YOUR NC POULTRY FEDERATION AT WORK FOR YOU



At NCSU’s 2006 College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Donor Recognition Gala held last November in Raleigh, Bob Ford (Center) accepted an honorary plaque on behalf of the NC Poultry Federation for recognition as a 2006 Outstanding Commodity Organization. The Federation received the CALS honor and an award plaque presented by NCSU’s Chancellor, Dr. James Oblinger (Left) and Dr. Johnny Wynne (Right), Dean of NCSU’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, for the Federation’s and the industry’s support of CALS programs, including scholarship endowments, student clubs, facilities renovation, and the Nickels-for-Know-How program.



Reflecting on key strategies for 2007 following the NCPF’s highly informative 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Board meeting held recently in Raleigh, NC, were [L to R]: Jim Shepard with Mountaire Farms, NCPF’s Immediate Past President; Keith Shoemaker with Butterball, LLC, NCPF’s current President; David Anderson with Butterball, LLC, NCPF’s 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Charles Glass with Tyson Foods-Monroe, NCPF’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; and Walter “Gator” Pelletier with Goldsboro Milling Company, NCPF’s current Secretary- Treasurer.