



YOUR FEDERATION NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2007

2007 NCPF ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD WINNERS HONORED AT FEDERATION'S 40TH ANNUAL MEETING

At a special award ceremony held during the Federation's recent 40th ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING at the Grandover Resort in Greensboro, NC, three poultry farmers were recognized and honored as recipients of the Federation's 2007 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS:

GARY HARDISON of Richlands, NC, the manager of SYLVESTER TURKEY FARM, took **1st PLACE** honors. Hardison grows heavy tom turkeys on a contractual basis with Carroll's Turkeys LLC in Warsaw, NC, a division of Murphy Brown LLC. His birds are shipped for processing to Butterball, LLC in Mount Olive, NC. Hardison sees sound environmental management as a key aspect of farming. "As farmers, we're all stewards of the environment. Not only must we ensure compliance with certain standards set forth by our regulatory agencies to keep our air and water clean, as environmental leaders we must go beyond meeting legal and regulatory mandates," said Hardison. Always striving for excellence, Hardison and his family are also prior winners of Onslow County's "Conservation Farm Family of the Year" award. For his on-going exemplary environmental management techniques, Hardison received from the Federation an honorary engraved plaque and a \$1,000 cash award.

Environmental Award Finalists also recognized and honored at the Federation's special award ceremony in Greensboro were: CATHY AND TOMMY CHATHAM from Hiddenite, NC, the owners of Triple T Farm, who are growers for Mountaire Farms; and DEREK PHILLIPS of Monroe, NC, a grower for Tyson Foods' Monroe Complex. For their positive environmental efforts, the Finalists received honorary plaques and \$500 cash awards.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR
2007 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD HONOREES! GREAT JOB!**

CHUCK SNIPES WITH COBB-VANTRESS INCORPORATED RECEIVES 2007 NCPF ALLIED INDUSTRY AWARD

Another highlight at our 40th Annual Meeting awards ceremony in Greensboro was the presentation of the Federation's 2007 ALLIED INDUSTRY AWARD to CHUCK SNIPES of Simpsonville, SC. Snipes is the Mid-Atlantic Sales Representative for COBB-VANTRESS INCORPORATED. An active Federation and poultry industry supporter, Snipes served as a member of the board of directors of the North Carolina Poultry Federation for many years.

**CONGRATULATIONS, CHUCK! MANY THANKS TO YOU
AND TO COBB-VANTRESS FOR YOUR CONTINUED LOYAL SUPPORT!**

NCPF ELECTS 2007-08 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Federation's recent 2007 Annual Membership Meeting concluded with a meeting of the new Officers and Board of Directors elected during the 2-day gala festivities. **The North Carolina Poultry Federation's 2007-08 Officers** are: **President** – DAVID ANDERSON with Butterball, LLC; **1st Vice President** – CHARLES GLASS with Tyson Foods; **2nd Vice President** – WALTER "GATOR" PELLETIER with Goldsboro Milling Company; **Secretary-Treasurer** – KENDALL CASEY with Perdue Farms; and **Immediate Past President** – KEITH SHOEMAKER with Butterball, LLC. **The Federation's 2007-08 Board members** are: **John Blakely** with Aviagen; **Tommy Furlough** with Cal-Maine Foods; **Lee Hester** with The Buffalo Company; **Bob Johnson** with House of Raeford; **Jerry Johnson** with Butterball, LLC; **Terry Maness** with Perdue Farms; **Paul Nordin** with Wayne Farms; **Connie Ozment** with Carolina By-Products; **Dan Peugh** with Allen's Hatchery; **Bob Pike** with Braswell Milling Company; **Tommy Porter, Jr.** – a grower for Tyson Foods; **Scott Prestage** with Prestage Farms; **Charles Rigdon** with Case Farms; **Sam Robertson** with Case Farms; **Richard Simpson** with Simpson's Eggs; **Don Taber** with House of Raeford; **Ralph Upton** with Pilgrim's Pride; **Kimber Ward** with Mountaire Farms; **Sam Whittington** with Tyson Foods; **Richard Williams** with Townsends; **Adam Willis** with Pilgrim's Pride; and **Debbie Worley** – a grower for Goldsboro Milling Company.

MANY THANKS TO EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE!

KEY FEDERAL ISSUES

US IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE)

A California Federal District Judge has granted a temporary restraining order blocking the Social Security Administration's (SSA's) "No-Match" letters from going out to employers in early September. The next hearing on the matter is set for October 1st. For more information, go to www.ice.gov

DHS CFATS APPENDIX "A" UPDATE

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS's) Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standard (CFATS) Appendix "A" includes propane gas storage tanks at 7,500 lbs. or 1,750 gallon tanks. Therefore, this could encompass many of our poultry growers who will need to register. The NCPF sent comments regarding this to the DHS, and the DHS is considering increasing the threshold to 18,000 gallons.

CAFO UPDATE

A DC Circuit Court dismissed all petitions challenging the legality of the 2,568 Air Consent Agreements (ACA's) between the EPA and livestock farms. The petition was brought by activists and the Sierra Club. The ACA study will now go forward and after 30 months, the EPA will write air emission standards for CAFO/AFO's.

KEY STATE ISSUES

NCDA&CS HELPS FARMERS SUFFERING FROM THE DROUGHT

The NCDA&CS is making the following Web site available to help bring farmers who need hay in contact with those who have hay for sale. Hay Alert Web site is: www.ncagr.com/HayAlert or farmers can call toll free at: (866) 506-6222.

2007 NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Governor Easley signs off on \$20.7 billion budget
- Bill passed giving counties authority to vote for or against a land transfer tax
- Senate Bill 3 – North Carolina's Comprehensive Energy Bill – was passed and requires energy companies to derive some portion of their electricity from renewable sources, including poultry waste. The bill also repeals the state sales tax on electricity.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

Congratulations to **Dr. Steve Leath**, the newly named Vice President of Research for North Carolina's 16-campus UNC university system. Dr. Leath was the former Associate Dean of Research at NCSU's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

A special "WELCOME!" to all our new NCPF grower members! You should begin receiving copies of the Federation's quarterly Newsletters going forward. Also, **please send us your email address for future communications**. Simply email your address to: pbenfield@ncpoultry.org and it will be added to your NCPF database profile.

MANY THANKS TO ALL OUR GROWER MEMBERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

*****CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS*****

- Sept 8-15 **NC Turkey Festival**
Raeford, NC
Phone: (910) 875-5929
Email: www.hoke-raeford.com

- Sept 18 **National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) Public Hearing**
South Granville High School, Creedmoor, NC

- Oct 24-25 **NC Hatchery & Breeder Conference**
Statesville, NC
Contact: Dr. Mike Wineland
Phone: (919) 515-5529
Email: mike.wineland@ncsu.edu

- Oct 24-25 **North Carolina Joint Poultry Industry Avian Influenza Media Tour**
Contact: Sherrie Rosenblatt at NTF (202) 898-0100 Ext. 227

- Oct 31 **Grand Opening of NCSU-CALS Feed Mill Educational Unit**
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. with Ribbon Cutting: 11:00 a.m.
Lake Wheeler Field Laboratory, Raleigh, NC
Contact: Pam Byington (919) 515-9260

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2007 ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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DAVID ANDERSON, VP of Live Operations for Butterball, LLC and the Federation's newly elected 2007-08 President, presents the "President's Award" to **KEITH SHOEMAKER**, President & CEO of Butterball, LLC, for his outstanding leadership as the NCPF's 2006-07 President



KEITH SHOEMAKER, the 2006-07 NCPF President, presents the **2007 ALLIED INDUSTRY AWARD** TO **CHUCK SNIPES** with **Cobb-Vantress Incorporated**



2007-08 NCPF EXECUTIVE BOARD

Newly elected officers of the NCPF are: **KEITH SHOEMAKER**, Immediate Past President; **KENDALL CASEY**, Secretary-Treasurer; **GATOR PELLETIER**, 2nd VP; **CHARLES GLASS**, 1st VP; AND **DAVID ANDERSON**, our 2007-08 NCPF PRESIDENT

2007 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS

[Photos show L to R:]



1ST PLACE:

GARY HARDISON - SYLVESTER TURKEY FARM
Grower for: **Carroll's Turkeys LLC**

Gary and his wife, Annette, are congratulated on taking Top Honors by David Byrd, Vice President of Production for Carroll's Turkeys LLC



FINALISTS:

CATHY & TOMMY CHATHAM - TRIPLE T FARM
Growers for: **Mountaire Farms**

NC Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler was on hand in Greensboro to personally present Cathy and Tommy Chatham their NCPF award plaque



FINALIST:

DEREK PHILLIPS

Grower for: **Tyson Foods - Monroe Complex**

Derek Phillips proudly views an exhibit erected by the NCPF to showcase his pristine poultry farm