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Chick-fil-A Executive Speaks at NCPF’s Annual Meeting
Governor Pat McCrory Dialogs with Ag Commissioner Troxler
NCSU Grad Mike Ledford is Keynote Speaker
Superior Grower Operations Acknowledged
Mason and Williams Presented DSA

GREENSBORO, NC…The Grandover Resort & Conference Center was again venue for North Carolina Poultry Federation’s Annual Meeting August 4-5. The 49th Annual Meeting of the Federation included the election of the 2016-17 Board of Directors, a conversation between Gov. Pat McCrory and Ag Commissioner Steve Troxler, award presentations to three outstanding growers, two DSA presentations, and a keynote address by Mike Ledford of Chick-fil-A’s corporate office in Atlanta.

2015-16 NCPF president Ronnie Parker and Commissioner Troxler presented the 2016 Grower Environmental Award to Jammie and Kim Piercy of C&C Quick Turn Farm in Clinton, a grower for Prestage Farms. Finalists were Donald Grady of the Grady Farm in Albertson, a grower for Sanderson Farms, and Richard Kern of Triple Oak Farm in Rockingham, a grower for Perdue Farms.

Two Distinguished Service Awards were presented to Dr. Sarah Mason of NCDA&CS and Dr. Mike Williams of the NCSU Prestage Dept. of Poultry Science. Both Mason and Williams have played an active role in the education of this industry.

The 2016-17 Executive Board is made up of Jeff Stalls of Perdue Farms, President; Neal Walsh of Butterball, 1st Vice President; Charles Rigdon of Case Farms, 2nd Vice President; Andrew Boyles of Tyson Foods, Secretary/Treasurer; and Ronnie Parker of Circle-S-Ranch, Past President.

representing the Breeder Hatchery Association, Mark Whitt of International Paper, and Richard Williams of Pilgrims.

Shane’s Sporting Clays was host to the 43 competitive shooters, and the annual golf tournament was held on the Grandover’s West Course. 140 golfers played two-person modified super ball.

Since 1968 the North Carolina Poultry Federation, a trade association, has represented the poultry industry in North Carolina. Serving producers and processors of chicken, turkey, and egg products, the Federation provides a united voice for the industry with government, media, and the general public. Headquarters are located in Raleigh, NC.

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*NC Commissioner of Agriculture Steve Troxler (l) and NC Governor Pat McCrory (r) address issues in an informal conversation during NCPF’s 2016 Awards Banquet.*
Jammie Piercy (l) Kim Piercy (r), winners NCPF’s 2016 Grower Environmental Award, and Commissioner Troxler

Keynote speaker and North Carolina native Mike Ledford shares the history and phenomenal growth of Chick-fil-A.

Dr. Sarah Mason of NCDA&CS presented NCPF’s 2016 Distinguished Service Award by President Ronnie Parker.

Dr. Mike Williams, Head of the NCSU Prestage Department of Poultry Science, presented 2016 Distinguished Service Award by NCPF President Ronnie Parker.
Ronnie Parker of Circle-S-Ranch passes the NCPF Presidential gavel to Jeff Stalls of Perdue.