NCPF holds 41st Annual Membership Banquet & Awards Presentation

Southern comedian and farmer Jerry Carroll keeps them laughing at the NCPF Annual Banquet. Over 170 attended.

GREENSBORO—The North Carolina Poultry Federation recently held its 41st Annual Membership Banquet and Awards Presentation at the Grandover Resort & Conference Center in Greensboro August 7-8, 2008 with over 170 in attendance. The NCPF also elected the 2008-2009 Board of Directors and kicked off the 2009 Membership/Sponsorship Drive.

The Allied Industry Award was presented to Milton Hancock, who works for Aviagen, a primary broiler breeder company. Milton, a native of Arkansas, has been directly involved in the poultry industry for over 40 years. He currently lives in Statesville and covers Ga., Tn., Ky., and parts of N.C.

Jerry Johnson, Director of Purchasing for Butterball, LLC (Mt. Olive, N.C.), took home the prestigious Distinguished Service Award. Jerry has chaired NCPF’s Membership-Sponsorship Committee for several years and has been associated with the poultry industry since 1969. He began his career in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and later moved to NC to work for Carolina Turkeys. He’s been in N.C. for 21 years.

Our annual Grower Environmental Excellence awards were presented to three outstanding farm families this year. The winners are selected based on their environmental stewardship management practices, as well as other agricultural-related activities on and off the farm. Farm aesthetics and good neighbor relations are also very important criteria, along with any new innovative ideas applied to their farm and nutrient management plan, including wildlife management.

Chilton Farms (Ararat, N.C.) took away the top award winning $1,000. Mr. M.H. Chilton and his son Chad, manage six breeder houses for Tyson Farms-Wilkesboro with 60,000 capacity. They farm over 1,000 acres with several hundred brood cows. Their farm has been in continuous operation going back several generations.

The next two finalists were awarded $500 each for their environmental excellence:

Terrace Farms (Lexington, N.C.), owned and operated by Jim & Linda Davis, run a four house pullet operation with Pilgrim’s Pride-Marshville. Their total capacity is 104,000 pullets per year. They also farm 114 acres with 60 head of brood cows. The Davis family are 3rd-generation owners of what was once a large champion Guernsey dairy farm. Other awards include 2005’s “Davidson County Farm Family.”

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ASPIRE takes high school students under our wing for entrance into the poultry industry

**ASPIRE: Acquiring SAT Preparation In Rural Education**

The ASPIRE program that’s been developed by Dr. Jackie Hoffman, NCSU’s Dept of Poultry Science is geared towards creating a partnership between the N.C. Poultry Industry and rising high school juniors.

This partnership will provide students with summer internships in the industry while preparing them for the SAT test that’s becoming more important and necessary to gain college admission. ASPIRE feels that it isn’t the intelligence, but the environment, that helps decide a student’s success on this test.

The Poultry Industry will be asked to provide students with summer internships at their headquarters and to assist them with SAT preparatory class tuition fees by funding $600 per student to attend the course. Students will be asked to cost share the course with $100 out of pocket.

Federal Updates

The House Agriculture Committee has recently announced subcommittee memberships. Our congratulations go out to North Carolina’s delegation assignments.

**Conservation, Credit, Energy, & Research**
Robin Hayes (R-8th)

**Specialty Crops, Rural Development & Foreign Ag:**
Mike McIntyre (D-7th) Chairman / Robin Hayes (R-8th)

**General Farm Commodities & Risk Management:**
Bob Etheridge (D-2nd) Chairman

**Livestock, Dairy & Poultry:**
Robin Hayes(R-8th) Ranking Minority Member / Virginia Foxx (R-5th)

**Horticulture & Organic Agriculture:**
Bob Etheridge (D-2nd) / Virginia Foxx (R-5th)
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award and Pilgrim’s 2007 “Environmental Excellence Award”.

**John & Rachel Etchison** raise 130,000 organic broilers each year for Townsends, Inc. on their Siler City farm. They’ve been farming 250 acres in Chatham county since 1987 and also maintain a 50 head brood cow operation. John is past chairman of Chatham County’s Soil & Water Conservation District, where he has served for the past 35 years.

**Jan Kelly**, Executive Director of the North Carolina Egg Association, presented the “Golden Skillet” award to **Dr. Brian Shelton**, recently retired Director of NCSU-CALS Poultry Science Extension. This is the Egg Council’s top award each year to honor those who have gone beyond the call of duty to help support the NC egg industry.

The evening entertainment was Southern comedian and farmer Jerry Carroll, who kept the crowd laughing during a dinner of Butterball turkey following the cocktail hour.

Officers of the Executive Board who will help lead the NCPF next year include: Charles Glass, President; Walter Pelletier, 1st VP; Kendall Casey, 2nd VP; Paul Nordin, Sect-Treasurer; David Anderson, immediate past president.

**NCPF Golf Tournament held; 109 golfers compete**

Sponsored by Wells Fargo, the NCPF 2008 Golf Tournament was a rousing success. Over 100 players hit the links to compete for prizes, mingle with friends, and have a relaxing start to the Annual Banquet & Awards Program held that evening.

NCPF would like to give a special thanks to Jim Stevens, who once again chaired this popular event. Jim was responsible for planning the format and arranging prizes, and we couldn’t have done it without him.

**Final Thanks to…** David Anderson for his leadership and service as 2007-2008 Board President. We look forward to his service on our Board for 2009… and to Alltech, Inc., for their sponsorship of our banquet and reception photos.
NCPF Banquet Award Winners continued

2007-2008 NCPF President
David Anderson presents Milton Hancock of Aviagen with the
Allied Industry Award.

Jan Kelly, NC Egg Association, presents Dr. Brian Shelton with the “Golden Skillet” Award

2007-2008 NCPF President
David Anderson presents Jerry Johnson of Butterball with the Distinguished Service Award for his membership and sponsorship retention efforts.

2008-2009 NCPF President
Charles Glass presents David Anderson, 2007-2008 NCPF President, with the Past President’s Award for his leadership, service and contributions to the NCPF.

Photos of our golf tournament and banquet taken by Freeze Frame Photography of Raleigh and sponsored by NCPF member Alltech, Inc.

That’s it! Until next time, we continue to go to bat for our sincerely valued members and associates. We look forward to serving you in 2009.

Top NC Commodities by cash Receipts (IN MILLIONS)
Broilers rank #1 at over $2,088
Turkeys rank #4 at over $518
Eggs rank # 7 at over $258

Percentage of total NC Ag Commodity Sales
Poultry & eggs generate 35% and ranked at the top of all commodity sales.

First, a deep thank you to all our current and renewing members. It is your dedication to helping us provide a voice for you as an industry that enables us to make the necessary contacts, work with media, and support you in your efforts to run your business. The time has come to renew memberships and to encourage others around you to join your cause. The NCPF collective voice is only as loud as your individual whispers! Please help us to continue fighting on your behalf to preserve your livelihoods.

Contact one of your Membership-Sponsorship Committees RIGHT NOW to ensure that your voice is heard in 2009:
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