C3 Farms and Poultry, LLC, Recognized for Environmental Excellence by USPOULTRY

TUCKER, Ga. – Feb. 26, 2020 – C3 Farms and Poultry, LLC, of Caldwell, Texas, was one of six farms across the United States to receive U.S. Poultry & Egg Association’s Family Farm Environmental Excellence Award during the 2020 International Production & Processing Expo in Atlanta. U.S. Poultry & Egg Association (USPOULTRY) sponsors the annual awards in recognition of exemplary environmental stewardship by family farmers engaged in poultry and egg production.

Applicants were rated in several categories, including manure management, nutrient management planning, community involvement, wildlife enhancement techniques, innovative nutrient management techniques, and participation in education and outreach programs. Applications were reviewed and farm visits conducted by a team of environmental professionals from universities, regulatory agencies and state poultry associations.

C3 Farms raises broilers for Sanderson Farms. The farm started in 1999 as Chmelar Poultry, which has since expanded its operation to include the Chmelar’s children and grandchildren. This inspired the new name “C3,” which represents the three generations of Chmelars that have lived and worked on the farm. Over the years, their operation has gone from four broiler houses to eight, all of which are run with the same systems and equipment to ensure consistency across the board. These broiler houses are maintained with a careful litter management system, windrowing and reusing clean litter and transporting composted litter for use on the fields of both the Chmelars and their neighbors.

As their operation has grown, Chmelars have kept their broiler houses up to date, installing LED lights and solid sidewalls to create an environment for their birds that is both calming and energy efficient. They continue to further their education, attending multiple seminars regarding rules, regulations and best practices for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations. They are meticulous about biosecurity on the farm, carefully monitoring who enters the farm and offering disinfectant for shoes and tires at the farm entrance.

The Chmelar family is highly involved in their community, serving on the board for both the annual county fair and their local Farm Bureau agency. They actively participate in their local church, and one of their children runs a tutoring business assisting local schoolchildren. In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, the Chmelars were instrumental in sending trailers full of water, food and other needed supplies to hurricane victims.

C3 Farms loves the land that their family has lived and worked on for three generations, viewing it as their personal responsibility to build a sustainable operation to hand off to their children. Managing their
resources and their environment is a way to create a more sustainable industry and home for their children to inherit and to provide for the land as it has provided for their family.

Mike Levengood, vice president, Chief Animal Care Officer and Farmer Relationship Advocate for Perdue Foods and vice chairman of the USPOULTRY board of directors, presented the award to Jamie and Sherri Chmelar.

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**Photo Caption:** Jamie and Sherri Chmelar received the USPOULTRY Family Farm Environmental Excellence Award at the 2020 International Production & Processing Expo in Atlanta. They were presented with an award to display at the entrance to the farm and a $1,000 check by Mike Levengood, vice president, Chief Animal Care Officer and Farmer Relationship Advocate for Perdue Foods and vice chairman of the USPOULTRY board of directors.