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215 Poultry Facilities Recognized for Exceptional Safety Performance

TUCKER, Ga. – Aug. 12, 2020 – The Joint Industry Safety and Health Council recently recognized 215 chicken and turkey facilities with safety awards. The companies were honored in recognition of their outstanding performance through the implementation of innovative and effective employee safety and health programs.

Award consideration was based on injury statistics over three years (2017 - 2019) and an evaluation of written applications by academia and other safety experts. Sixty-one facilities received the highest level of recognition, "Award of Distinction." The other categories include "Award of Honor" and "Award of Merit."

The Award of Distinction honors facilities for sharing the essential aspects of safety and health training, education and employee involvement and have incurred injury and incident rates equal to or greater than 75 percent less than Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) results. The Award of Honor honors facilities based on the same essential aspects but with incident rates between 75 and 50 percent less than BLS results, and the Award of Merit honors facilities that have incurred injury and incident rates between 50 percent and equal to BLS results.

Based on the latest data available from the BLS, the slaughter and poultry processing Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) total recordable illness and injury rate for 2018 was 3.5 cases per 100 full-time workers, down from 3.8 in 2017. The poultry industry’s rate of 3.5 was below the rate of 5.1 for similar agricultural industries in terms of injuries per 100 full-time workers and lower than the rate of 4.2 for the entire food manufacturing sector, while all of manufacturing was 3.4.

“It is always encouraging to see so many companies implementing new and innovative programs to promote safety in their facilities,” said Frank Cruice, senior director of corporate safety and security, Perdue Farms, and chair of the Joint Industry Safety and Health Council. “The awards are indicative of the impressive progress made by the industry regarding the safety and health of its workers.”

The Joint Industry Safety and Health Council consists of members from the U.S. Poultry & Egg Association, National Chicken Council and National Turkey Federation. Collectively, the three organizations represent companies that produce 95 percent of the nation's poultry products and directly employ more than 350,000 workers.
The companies receiving awards are as follows.

**Award of Distinction**

**Allen Harim LLC**
Seaford Feed Mill

**Butterball LLC**
Alix Feed Mill  
Farmville Feed Mill  
Green Forest Feed Mill  
Turkey, NC Feed Mill  
Raeford Further Processing Plant

**Cargill**
Butterfield, MO Feed Mill

**Claxton Poultry Farms**
Claxton Poultry Processing Plant

**Cobb-Vantress, Inc.**
Siloam Springs, AR Hatchery  
Timpson, TX Hatchery  
Sweetwater Farm  
U of A Breeder Research Farm

**Foster Poultry Farms**
Cedar Hatchery  
Choudrant, LA Hatchery

**House of Raeford Farms**
Monetta, SC Hatchery

**Koch Foods, Inc.**
Hope Hull, AL Feed Mill  
Cumming, GA Further Processing  
Montgomery, AL Processing  
Morristown, TN Processing  
Pine Mountain Valley, GA Processing

**Maple Leaf Foods**
Toronto Poultry

**Mountaire Farms, Inc.**
Lumber Bridge, NC Processing  
Selbyville, DE Processing

**Peco Foods, Inc.**
Batesville Processing Complex  
Feather Lane Further Processing  
Fulton Street Processing
Pocahontas Processing
Sebastopol Processing
Tuscaloosa Processing

**Perdue Foods, LLC**
Cofield, NC Feed Mill
Hurlock, MD Feed Mill
Salisbury, MD Feed Mill
Accomac, VA Processing
Bridgewater, VA Further Processing
Monterey, TN Further Processing

**Pilgrim’s**
Canton, GA Feed Mill
Moorefield, WV Feed Mill
Nacogdoches, TX Feed Mill
Blane, GA Hatchery
Fort Payne, AL Hatchery
Pilgrim’s Concord Hatchery
Mayfield, KY Hatchery
Nacogdoches, TX Center Hatchery
Nacogdoches, TX Swift Hatchery
Pittsburg, TX Hatchery
Canton, GA Processing
Chattanooga, TN Processing
Gainesville, GA Processing

**Sanderson Farms, Inc.**
Adel, GA Hatchery

**Simmons Foods, Inc.**
Siloam Springs, AR Hatchery

**Tyson Foods, Inc.**
Franklin, KY Hatchery
Hope, AR Hatchery
Hope, AR Processing Plant
Tyson of Rogers, AR Further Processing Plant
Springdale, AR Berry Street Processing Plant
Muscatine, IA Rendering
Robards, KY Rendering
Texarkana, AR Rendering

**Valley Proteins, Inc.**
Wadesboro, NC Division

**Wayne Farms LLC**
Jack, AL Enterprise Complex
Union Springs, AL Processing
**Award of Honor**

**Butterball LLC**
Carthage, MO Processing  
Huntsville, AR Processing  
Ozark, AR Processing

**Cargill**
California, MO Hatchery  
Springdale, AR Processing Plant

**Case Farms**
Massillon, OH Feed Mill  
Shelby, NC Feed Mill  
Goldsboro, NC Hatchery  
Goldsboro, NC Fresh Processing  
Goldsboro, NC Further Processing  
Morgantown, NC Processing Plant  
Winesburg, OH Processing Plant

**Cobb-Vantress, Inc.**
Blairsville Hatchery  
Fayetteville Hatchery  
Tennessee Hatchery  
Hartwell, GA Eagle Grove Farm  
Kentucky Production  
Siloam Springs, AR Southwest Production  
Strawberry Hill Farm  
Wadesboro, NC Production

**Cooper Farms**
Oakwood, OH Hatchery

**Crider, Inc.**
Stillmore, GA Crider Foods Processing

**Farbest Foods, Inc.**
Huntingburg, IN Processing  
Vincennes, IN Processing Plant

**Fieldale Farms**
Baldwin, GA Cornelia Plant

**Foster Poultry Farms**
Burrel Commodity Mill  
Cherry Ave Plant  
Farmerville Cooked Plant  
Farmerville Processing Plant  
Kelso, WA Processing  
Turlock, CA FTP 2 Processing
**Fries Farms LLC**  
Glennville, GA Hatchery

**George’s, Inc.**  
Batesville, AR Hatchery  
Harrisonburg, VA Broadway Hatchery  
Springdale, AR Further Processing

**Gerber’s Poultry Processing**  
Kidron, OH Processing

**House of Raeford Farms**  
Arcadia, LA Processing  
Rose Hill, NC Processing

**Koch Foods, Inc.**  
Forest, MS Further Processing  
Morton, MS Processing

**Mountaire Farms**  
Frankford, DE Feed Mill  
Millsboro, DE Feed Mill  
Mount Vernon Hatchery  
Princess Anne, MD Hatchery

**Peco Foods, Inc.**  
Gordo Feed Mill  
Newark Feed Mill  
Batesville Hatchery

**Perdue Foods LLC**  
Bridgeville, DE Feed Mill  
Candor, NC Feed Mill  
Candor, NC Eagle Springs Hatchery  
Vincennes, IN Hatchery  
Milford, DE Processing  
Cromwell, KY Processing  
Dillon, SC Processing  
Georgetown, DE Processing  
Lewiston, NC Processing  
Perry, GA Harvest  
Rockingham, NC Processing  
Salisbury, MD Processing

**Pilgrim’s**  
Harrisonburg, VA Feed Mill  
Las Piedras, PR Feed Mill  
Marshville, NC Feed Mill  
Mayfield, KY Feed Mill  
Staley, NC Feed Mill  
Tenaha, TX Feed Mill
Canton, GA Hatchery
Carrollton, GA Processing
DeQueen, AR Processing
Enterprise, AL Processing
Marshville, NC Processing
Mayfield, KY Processing
Moorefield, WV Fresh Processing
DeQueen, AR Rendering

**Simmons Foods, Inc.**
Fairland, OK Feed Mill

**Tip Top Poultry, Inc.**
Rockmart, GA Further Processing

**Tyson Foods, Inc.**
Franklin, KY Feed Mill
Gonzales, TX Feed Mill
Nashville, AR Feed Mill
Waldron, AR Feed Mill
Center Hatchery (Carthage Complex)
Decherd, TN Hatchery
Dexter, MO Hatchery
Eufaula, AL Hatchery
Oglethorpe, GA Hatchery
Sedalia, MO Hatchery
Albany, KY Processing Plant
Cumming, GA Further Processing Plant
Monett, MO Processing Plant
Monroe, NC Processing Plant
Nashville, AR Processing Plant
North Little Rock, AR Processing Plant
Seguin, TX Processing Plant
Union City, TN Processing Plant
Van Buren, AR Further Processing Plant
Vicksburg, MS Further Processing Plant
Waldron, AR Processing Plant
Cuthbert, GA Rendering
Scranton, AR Rendering

**Wayne Farms, LLC**
Danville, AR Hatchery
Decatur, AL Hatchery
Dothan, AL Hatchery
Laurel, MS Hatchery
Danville, AR Processing Plant
Decatur, AL East Further Processing
Decatur, AL West Prepared Foods

**Valley Protein, Inc.**
Fayetteville, NC Division
Linville, VA Division

**Award of Merit**

**Allen Harim Foods LLC**  
Dagsboro Hatchery

**Butterball LLC**  
Goldsboro, NC Hatchery #2  
Goldsboro, NC Hatchery #3  
Raeford, NC Hatchery #1

**Cargill**  
Gentry, AR Hatchery

**Cobb-Vantress, Inc.**  
Kentucky Hatchery  
Dry Creek Farm

**Foster Poultry Farms**  
Delta, CO Feed Mill  
Athens Hatchery  
Turlock, CA FTP 1 Processing  
Livingston, CA PC Plant

**George’s, Inc.**  
Batesville, AR Feed Mill  
Edinburg, VA Processing  
Springdale, AR Processing

**Jennie-O Turkey Store, Inc.**  
Barron Processing Plant  
Faribault Processing Plant

**Peco Foods, Inc.**  
Gordo Hatchery  
Pocahontas Hatchery

**Pilgrim’s**  
Athens, GA Feed Mill  
Commerce, GA Feed Mill  
Nashville, AR Feed Mill  
Douglas, GA Processing  
Nacogdoches, TX Processing  
Sumter, SC Processing  
Broadway Processing  
Mt. Pleasant, TX Rendering

**Simmons Foods, Inc.**  
Siloam Springs, AR Further Processing
Smart Chicken
Waverly, NE Processing

Tyson Foods, Inc.
Eufaula Feed Mill
Pottsville, AR Feed Mill
Gonzales, TX Harwood Hatchery
Waldron, AR Hatchery
Berryville, AR Further Processing Plant
Blountsville, AL Processing Plant
Camilla, GA Processing Plant
Carthage, MS Processing Plant
Clarksville, AR Further Processing Plant
Dexter, MO Processing Plant
Eufaula, AL Processing Plant
Forest, MS Processing Plant
Grannis, AR Processing Plant
Randall Road Cornish Further Processing Plant
Chicken Quick AR Further Processing Plant
Temperanceville Processing Plant
Aliceville, AL Rendering
Dawsonville, GA Rendering
Forest, MS Rendering

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About the National Chicken Council
The National Chicken Council (NCC) represents integrated chicken producer-processors, the companies that produce and process chickens. Member companies of NCC account for more than 95 percent of the chicken sold in the United States.

About the National Turkey Federation
The National Turkey Federation (NTF) is the national advocate for America’s turkey farmers and producers, raising awareness for its members’ products while strengthening their ability to profitably and safely deliver wholesome, high-quality and nutritious food to consumers worldwide.