Tyson Foods First Major Food Company to Receive Third Party Poultry Handling and Transportation Certification

USPOULTRY program supports company’s ongoing commitment to animal welfare

Springdale, Ark., March 6, 2019 – As part of its commitment to animal welfare, Tyson Foods, Inc. (NYSE: TSN) has implemented a third-party certification program to ensure the proper handling and transportation of birds in its chicken business. The company is the first major chicken producer to implement Poultry Handling and Transportation (PHT) certification, offered by the U.S. Poultry & Egg Association (USPOULTRY).

The PHT certification is in addition to the animal welfare training Tyson Foods already requires for frontline workers involved in handling and transporting live birds. PHT focuses on important areas such as biosecurity, disease recognition, emergency planning and the safe and humane handling of birds before, during and after transport.

The PHT certification program was developed by Penn State University scientists, the USDA and industry specialists, and is managed by USPOULTRY. More than 1,000 Tyson Foods poultry and transportation workers have received PHT certification over the past year.

“Ensuring the safety and welfare of our people and animals is paramount at Tyson Foods,” said Karen Christensen, Senior Director of Animal Welfare for Tyson Foods. “By working with USPOULTRY to achieve certification across our organization, we are doubling down on our commitment to continuous improvement in animal welfare. We’re proud of this certification and continue to evolve best practices in every aspect of animal welfare.”

“Tyson’s commitment to this certification process demonstrates a pivotal moment in the industry, and we’re excited about the progress we’ve made together,” said Rafael Rivera, Manager, Food Safety & Production Programs, USPOULTRY. “Every training gives us a new opportunity to improve our practices and we look forward to continuing to drive progress in animal well-being.”

In addition to PHT certification, Tyson Foods’ animal welfare efforts include:

- The Tyson FarmCheck® program, which involves third-party, on-farm animal welfare audits.
- An Animal Welfare Advisory panel made up of external subject matter experts.
- The meat industry’s most extensive third-party remote video auditing system, monitoring bird handling in 33 poultry plants.
- Almost 60 full-time animal welfare specialists across the company’s beef, pork and poultry operations.
- A pilot project for testing Controlled Atmosphere Stunning (CAS) at two Tyson poultry plants.

About Tyson Foods
Tyson Foods, Inc. (NYSE: TSN) is one of the world’s largest food companies and a recognized leader in protein. Founded in 1935 by John W. Tyson and grown under three generations of family leadership, the company has a
broad portfolio of products and brands like Tyson®, Jimmy Dean®, Hillshire Farm®, Ball Park®, Wright®, Aidells®, ibp® and State Fair®. Tyson Foods innovates continually to make protein more sustainable, tailor food for everywhere it’s available and raise the world’s expectations for how much good food can do. Headquartered in Springdale, Arkansas, the company had 121,000 team members at September 29, 2018. Through its Core Values, Tyson Foods strives to operate with integrity, create value for its shareholders, customers, communities and team members and serve as a steward of the animals, land and environment entrusted to it.

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About U.S. Poultry & Egg Association
U.S. Poultry & Egg Association (USPOULTRY) is the all-feather organization representing the complete spectrum of today’s poultry industry, whose mission is to progressively serve member companies through research, education, communication and technical assistance. Founded in 1947, USPOULTRY is based in Tucker, Ga.

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