



**U.S. POULTRY & EGG ASSOCIATION
2026 FAMILY FARM ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARD**

ESSAY QUESTIONNAIRE

Instructions: Applicant should complete each of the following essay questions. The report format for the essay section is open and by choice of each applicant. We suggest you include photos, etc., with the application that pertains to the essay questions below. Further, you may attach up to ten additional pages of supporting information (newspaper or magazine articles, etc.) if so desired. Please note that materials submitted with the application cannot be returned.

1. Describe litter management techniques in place on the farm. Examples of items that could be included are:

Implementation of a nutrient management plan,
Soil test frequency and incorporation of those results in the NMP,
Precision nutrient management planning,
Litter injection or incorporation,
Low till or no till farming,
Crop or forage selection,
Other litter end-uses,
Clean out frequency, etc.

Emphasis should be placed on steps taken by the farm to enhance water quality, minimize runoff or erosion, reduce odor, and ensure proper utilization of litter or mortality.

2. Please describe your community involvement efforts that help promote environmental excellence or help those outside the agriculture industry understand the operation of a poultry farm. (e.g., farm tours, information meetings, etc.)
3. Please describe any conservational or wildlife enhancement techniques in use at the farm.
4. Please describe any unique or innovative techniques utilized for mortality or nutrient management at the farm.
5. Please describe any educational, outreach, or training programs you have utilized or participated in to learn more about environmental management.
6. Please describe what you see as the role and responsibility of the poultry grower or producer in environmental management and sustainability.
7. Please enclose a minimum of five photographs of farm facilities (electronic files (i.e. jpg, prints or high-quality digital media in the package. Please be sure to provide at least one photo that includes family members and/or employees of the farm.
8. Applicants are encouraged to submit electronic media copies of all application documents.

Application Deadline: Friday, October 24, 2025