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Middon Manor Farm Recognized for Environmental Excellence

ATLANTA – Middon Manor Farm, Weyers Cave, VA, was one of six farms across the United States to receive the Family Farm Environmental Excellence Award during the 2009 International Poultry Expo here. U.S. Poultry & Egg Association, based in Tucker, GA, 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 dry litter or liquid manure management, nutrient management planning, community involvement, wildlife enhancement techniques, innovative nutrient management techniques, and participation in education or outreach programs. Applications are reviewed and farm visits conducted by a team of environmental professionals from universities, regulatory agencies, and state trade associations in selecting national winners in six regions.

Middon Manor Farm is owned and operated by William and Jackie Woolf. It is a 100 acre broiler chicken, stock cattle, hay, and wildlife habitat farm in the Burketown area of Augusta County, Virginia. The Woolfs raise approximately 62,000 chickens per cycle in their two chicken houses.

The farm has been in the family for more than 200 years. Mr. Woolf started farming with his grandfather after spending six years in the U.S. Marine Corps. He eventually took over the farm and expanded it to include raising poultry.

The Woolfs have implemented many conservation practices, including planting 3000 trees to help prevent erosion and runoff, constructing a mortality composter and litter shed, and fencing cattle out of streams. They also received the Virginia Poultry Federation's top environmental award for 2007.

Middon Manor Farm grows chickens for George's, Inc.

Monty Henderson (left), 2009 chairman of the board of U.S. Poultry & Egg Association, and president and chief operating officer of George's, Inc., headquartered in Springdale, AR, presented the award to Mr. and Mrs. Woolf.

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