



Poultry Farm Management for New and Existing Growers

Training for Delaware growers on best management practices, ventilation basics and regulation

ISSUE



Surge in number of new poultry growers seeking education to comply with state law.



New growers must be educated on production basics, best management practices and federal regulations.



New growers need to be made aware of available tools that assist a productive farm and minimize environmental risks.

RESPONSE



University of Maryland and University of Delaware offered a training with Delaware specific information.



Taught by Delaware and Maryland personnel, continuing education credits were offered to those seeking to comply with state required education.

Discussion of issues:

- ◆ Best management practices
- ◆ Ventilation basics
- ◆ Federal regulations
- ◆ Production information on brooding, bird welfare, composting, litter management, financial management and vegetative buffers

IMPACT



75% of participants learned something new about the DE Nutrient Management Law.



66% of participants would change how they maintain and implement best management practices on their farm.



"It was really educational. These sort of programs should take place on a regular basis to educate farmers, especially new ones."



50% of participants would change how they ventilate their poultry houses.



74% of participants would change how they manage bird welfare, composting and mortalities on their farm.