



ELTON MADDOX PRESENTED WITH USPOULTRY'S WORKHORSE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Oakwood, GA. (January 25, 2016) – Wayne Farms' president and CEO, Elton Maddox, was recently named USPOULTRY's Workhorse of the Year during the International Poultry Expo, part of the 2016 International Production & Processing Expo. The poultry industry's most esteemed honor is awarded annually in recognition of dedicated service and valuable leadership given to the Association and poultry industry.

Maddox was "collared" with the long-established horse collar by 2015 Workhorse of the Year recipient, John Starkey, president of USPOULTRY. He was also presented with a commemorative plaque by Sherman Miller, Cal-Maine Foods, Jackson, Miss., and outgoing USPOULTRY chairman. "We are honored to distinguish Elton with this special award and recognize his many contributions to the poultry industry and the Association. We are deeply appreciative of his enthusiastic and tireless efforts on behalf of the industry," remarked Miller.

"I am overjoyed to be granted with such recognition from an industry icon as distinguished as the U.S. Poultry and Egg Association. Throughout my career in poultry, I have been fortunate to lead projects to grow the business, offer young adults guidance to get a head start in the field, participate in research to advance our technologies and much more. It has always been important to me to do everything I can to make a difference for our future generations and the poultry industry as a whole," said Maddox.

A native of Georgia, Maddox received his BS in engineering from the University of Georgia. He joined Wayne Farms in 1974 and has worked in a number of management positions within the company. He is currently president and CEO of Wayne Farms. In addition, he is a past chairman of the National Chicken Council and the Georgia Improvement Association and a past president of the Georgia Poultry Federation and the Georgia Poultry Processors Federation. He has served on the USPOULTRY board of directors since 2007.

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About Wayne Farms LLC

Wayne Farms LLC is the sixth-largest vertically integrated poultry producer in the U.S. with annual sales exceeding \$1.9 billion. A subsidiary of Continental Grain Company, Wayne Farms owns and operates 11 fresh and further-processed facilities throughout the Southeast, produces more than 2.6 billion pounds of poultry products each year, and employs more than 8,900 individuals. Producing products under the brand names of WAYNE FARMS® fresh chicken; PLATINUM HARVEST® premium fresh chicken; DUTCH QUALITY HOUSE® chicken and CHEF'S CRAFT® gourmet chicken, Wayne Farms has a well-known history of delivering exceptional poultry products to some of the largest industrial, institutional, and foodservice



companies across America.

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.