

**OPERATING GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS FOR
POULTRY PRODUCTION OPERATIONS
IN NORTH CAROLINA**

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PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, poultry production is the leading agricultural industry in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the economic importance of the poultry industry to the people of North Carolina requires all citizens to work together to foster this vital industry while respecting the environment, and North Carolina poultry producers commit to doing their fair share by subscribing to these Guidelines and Standards; and

WHEREAS, poultry producers are aware of potential environmental impacts associated with all forms of agricultural activity and recognize the need to develop proactive operating guidelines and standards that protect water quality and public health while promoting good relations with the community at large; and

WHEREAS, the Guidelines and Standards set out below represent a uniform scheme of voluntary regulations that are in harmony with state and federal standards as well as the best management practices, and consistent standards minimize the confusion and extra costs associated with a patchwork of conflicting regulations at the local level; and

WHEREAS, the N C Poultry Federation, composed of numerous poultry producers who subscribe to these Guidelines and Standards affirms its commitment to safeguarding the environment and public health while demonstrating that properly designed and operated poultry farms respond to prevailing environmental and public health concerns;

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned, on behalf of the Board of Directors, the NC Poultry Federation and its poultry producer members hereby agree to abide by and apply the following Guidelines and Standards to all poultry farm operations that are subject to their ownership or control in North Carolina:

GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS

POULTRY PRODUCTION BUILDINGS

1. New poultry production buildings will not be constructed closer than one thousand (1,000) feet from any occupied residence; provided, however, this limitation can be reduced or waived with written consent of the owner of the occupied residence. Provided, further, this limitation will not apply if the poultry production building is constructed within two hundred (200) feet from the residence owned or controlled by an undersigned producer.
2. New poultry production buildings will not be constructed closer than one thousand five Hundred (1,500) feet from any public school, church or accredited private school.

3. The provisions in paragraph 1 and 2 above shall be effective on March 22, 2016, and shall apply to new and expanding poultry production facilities that are constructed after March 22, 2016. Expanding animal production facilities are those which increase the building footprint existing prior to the expansion.
4. New poultry production buildings will not be constructed closer than five hundred (500) feet from any place of public business or established place of public assembly; provided, however, this limitation will not apply if the poultry production building is constructed within two hundred (200) feet from the place of business or place of public assembly owned or controlled by an undersigned poultry producer.
5. New poultry production buildings will not be constructed closer than fifty (50) feet from any adjacent property line or closer than 100 feet from the center of an adjoining state road.
6. Poultry producers are encouraged to inspect and approve proposed poultry building sites and subsequently conduct a preconstruction meeting including the grower, the excavator and others as appropriate, to review the project plans, timetables, all parties' expectations, and any other details.
7. New poultry production sites are encouraged to establish and/or retain natural barriers and buffers to promote and enhance an aesthetic appearance.
8. New poultry production buildings are encouraged to meet minimum environmental requirements for erosion and sediment control guidelines as outlined in the North Carolina Technical Note from NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG): <http://www.nc.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/TechRef/Technotes.html>.

WASTE AND WASTE TREATMENT FACILITIES

1. For purposes of these Guidelines and Standards, waste treatment facilities for poultry production shall include, but are not limited to, lagoons, slurry systems, stock-piled litter, and composters.
2. New waste treatment facilities will not be constructed closer than five hundred (500) feet of any occupied residence, place of public business, or established place of public assembly; provided, further, however, this limitation will not apply if the waste treatment facility is constructed within five hundred (500) feet of the residence, place of business or place of public assembly owned or controlled by an undersigned poultry producer.
3. New composters will not be constructed closer than one hundred (100) feet of any adjacent property line, and all other new waste treatment facilities will not be constructed closer than fifty (50) feet of any adjacent property line; all new waste treatment facilities will not be constructed closer than one hundred (100) feet from the center of an adjoining state road.
4. Waste treatment facilities for poultry production will be designed, constructed and maintained in a manner comparable to USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service Standards including, but not limited to, the use of standards and

procedures developed by the North Carolina State University System, Cooperative Extension Service or other qualified and recognized professional organizations.

5. Poultry producers using a dry litter system of waste treatment will stockpile dry litter at least 100 feet from perennial waters and spread litter according to recommended agronomic rates in order to protect water quality.
6. Disposal of dead animals will continue to be conducted in accordance with accepted practices as defined by law, but as new technology becomes available, poultry producers will look at other alternatives for disposal of dead animals.
7. Poultry producers will work with their personnel and contract producers to prevent litter from spilling on roads while being transported and assure that poultry waste is land-applied in a reasonable manner to prevent excessive odor.

NC Poultry Federation, Inc.

By: _____
its President

ATTEST:

Secretary, NC Poultry Federation, Inc.