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Case Farms Receives Award of Merit for Outstanding Safety Performance From Poultry Industry Safety and Health Council

WINESBURG, **Ohio – September 8**, **2014 –** Leading poultry processor Case Farms has earned the Award of Merit for worker safety and health performance from the Poultry Industry Safety and Health Council. This award distinguishes companies who demonstrate a strong commitment to implementing innovative and effective employee safety and health programs. The award was presented to the Winesburg feed mill during the 2014 National Safety Conference for the Poultry Industry. In addition, Case Farms' Goldsboro, N.C's processing plant and hatchery were presented the Award of Honor.

"We are proud of the quality safety programs that are implemented company-wide at Case Farms," said Bobby Barragan, Case Farms' director of human resources. "Our management team and staff come together regularly to find new ways to further strengthen our safety and health programs. With each innovation, we focus on our employees and what we can do to allow them to work more safely and efficiently."

The Poultry Industry Safety and Health Council consist of members from U.S. Poultry & Egg Association, National Chicken Council and National Turkey Federation. Collectively, the three organizations represent companies who produce 95 percent of the nation's poultry products and employ over 350,000 workers. Award consideration was based on injury statistics over a three-year period and an evaluation of written applications by three judges.

"This recognition, in addition to our recent American Meat Institute Safety Award and *The National Provisioner* 2014 Plant of the Year Award for our Goldsboro facility, confirms we are outrivaling the industry in our worker safety and health program initiatives. Now we are even more motivated to excel in these areas," adds Barragan

Adopting standards developed by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Voluntary Protection Program (OSHA VPP), Case Farms has designed reputable safety programs throughout its four complexes.

About Case Farms:

Founded in 1986, Case Farms is a fully integrated poultry farming and processing group of dedicated individuals that work together to produce consistent, quality poultry products. Its driving purpose is to deliver superior products and service to every customer, every time. Case Farms processes 2.8 million birds per week, has over 3200 dedicated team members, and produces in excess of 900 million pounds of fresh, partially cooked and frozen-for-export poultry products per year. The company has operations or offices in Maryland, Ohio and North Carolina.

For more information on Case Farms, visit www.casefarms.com.