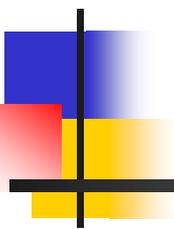


Environmental Stewardship in Virginia's Poultry Industry



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Preserving Farmland

- Nearly 1,100 family farms in 34 counties
- 250 million broiler chickens (9th in U.S.)
 - >780 chicken farms
- 17 million turkeys (5th in U.S.)
 - >280 turkey farms
- 729 million table eggs (27th in U.S.)





Major Economic Impact

- Poultry contributed \$984,700,000 to Virginia economy in 2010
 - Broiler chickens
 - \$622.8 million
 - Turkeys
 - \$284.6 million
 - Eggs
 - \$77.3 million

Creating Jobs

- 10,000 employed by
 - Cargill
 - George's foods
 - Perdue farms
 - Pilgrim's pride
 - Tyson foods
 - Virginia Poultry Growers Cooperative
- 72,000 jobs created outside industry



Shenandoah Valley Region

- >280 turkey farms
- >550 chicken farms
- >6,000 poultry company employees
 - 3 chicken processing plants
 - 2 turkey processing plants
 - 2 further processing plants
 - 1 spent hen processing plant
- 5 poultry feed mills
- 6 hatcheries





Being Proactive

- 1990s Friend of the Bay Award – NMPs
- Research funding
- Feed management
- Poultry litter marketing
 - Hotline
 - Manure spreaders
 - Transport subsidy
- Litter to energy



Collaboration

- Waste Solutions Forum
 - Diverse stakeholders convene in 2004
 - Steering committee
 - Marketing manure products
 - Feed management
 - Manure to energy
- Shenandoah Valley Pure Water Forum
 - Roundtable
 - Education
 - Conservation projects



The Place for Regulation

- VA goes beyond Clean Water Act
- VA Poultry Waste Management Act
 - General Permit
 - NMP
 - Storage
 - Record keeping
 - Litter transfers
- VPDES Permit for CAFOs



Restoring the Chesapeake

- States and agriculture playing a positive role
- Poultry litter nutrient management
- Poultry plant upgrades
- VA WIP – Resource Management Plans



Conclusions

- Let States lead the way
- Rely on sound scientific research and innovation
- Go with a voluntary approach whenever possible
- Cost-share is critical
- Collaboration is good

