

Oklahoma Poultry Education TEAM wins the highest award bestowed by USDA

At a ceremony in the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center in Washington, DC, this afternoon (July 8, 2002), Secretary of Agriculture ANN M. VENEMAN presented the 56th annual Secretary's Honor Awards - the highest awards bestowed by USDA. Individuals and groups nationwide were singled out for exhibiting exemplary performance in work relating to USDA's mission, the nation, and public service.

Among the awards was the following:

CATEGORY:

MAINTAINING AND ENHANCING THE NATION'S NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT, POULTRY WASTE MANAGEMENT EDUCATION TEAM, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service and the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service DOUG HAMILTON, Group Leader

"For providing waste management programs now helping poultry producers improve their operations and the environment, despite the challenge that those producers were vehemently opposed to that state-legislated, mandated education."

GROUP MEMBERS:

Erica Cook, Dennis Bailey, Joe Bullard, Carl Wallace, Tony Johnson, Tony Yates, Roger Williams, Marty Green, Mike Rose, Jason Hollenback, Stan Fimple, Roy Ball, Jim Britton, Bob Woods, Mitch Fram, Hailin Zhang, Derrell Peel, Mike Smolen, Craig Woods, and Kathy Conry (Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service)

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