

# THE OFAER POULTRY PROGRAM AFTER 6 MONTHS

Charles R. Horn  
America's Clean Water Foundation

**The OFAER Poultry Program  
After 6 Months**

Presented to  
2001 MS Water Resources  
Conference  
Raymond, MS  
April 10, 2001

By  
Charles R. Horn  
America's Clean Water Foundation

AMERICA'S  
CLEAN  
WATER  
FOUNDATION

## America's Clean Water Foundation

- Private non-profit
- Non-regulatory
- Information, education, demonstration
- Building & maintaining support for clean water programs
- Helping build national capacity to carry out programs in support of clean water

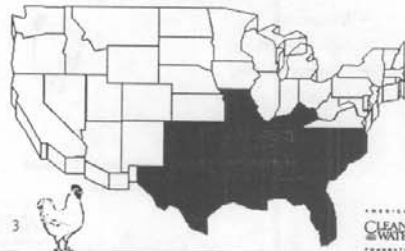
2

AMERICA'S  
CLEAN  
WATER  
FOUNDATION

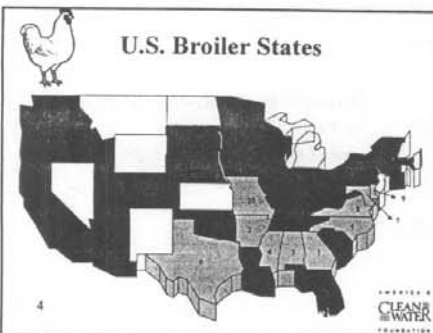
## OFAER GOALS

- Promote Environmental Stewardship
- Minimize Livestock Production Effects on Watersheds
- Improve Public Perception of Livestock Production
- Move Agriculture Toward Becoming a Self-Regulating Industry

## The On-Farm Poultry Project (Southeast Work Area)



AMERICA'S  
CLEAN  
WATER  
FOUNDATION



U.S. Broiler States

## U.S. Broiler Production-1999 (Million Birds)

• GA	1,239.7	6. TX	507.9
• AR	1,196.2	7. MD	294.4
• AL	971.2	8. VA	268.7
• MS	735.1	9. DE	251.7
• NC	674.6	10. MO	249.7

5



AMERICA'S  
CLEAN  
WATER  
FOUNDATION

## On-Farm Assessment & Environmental Review

- Helping to improve environmental performance in poultry production
  - Information
  - Education
  - Demonstration
  - On-farm Assessment



6

AMERICAN  
CLEANER  
WATER  
FOUNDATION

## Assessments

- Voluntary
- Non-regulatory
- Comprehensive
  - Site management
  - Building management
  - Litter management
  - Mortality management
  - Nutrient management



7

AMERICAN  
CLEANER  
WATER  
FOUNDATION

## Assessments

- Voluntary
- Non-regulatory
- Comprehensive
- Objective
  - Two person assessment team
  - Independent
  - Trained & certified in assessment techniques
  - Separate third party verification unit



8

AMERICAN  
CLEANER  
WATER  
FOUNDATION

## Assessments

- Voluntary
- Non-regulatory
- Comprehensive
- Objective
- Confidential
  - Site specific information kept confidential
  - Producer participation anonymous
  - Built-in safeguards



9

AMERICAN  
CLEANER  
WATER  
FOUNDATION

## Assessments

- Voluntary
- Non-regulatory
- Comprehensive
- Objective
- Confidential
- No charge to the producer
  - \$3,000 - \$3,500 Value
  - Assessment costs paid by ACWF
  - Appropriations from Congress



10

AMERICAN  
CLEANER  
WATER  
FOUNDATION

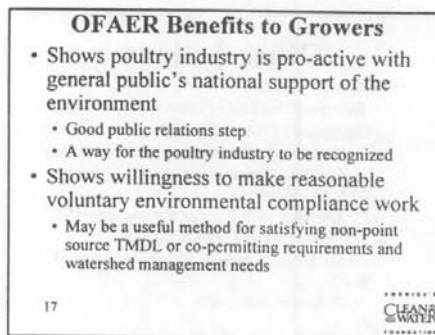
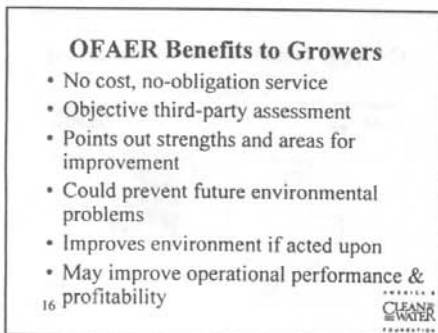
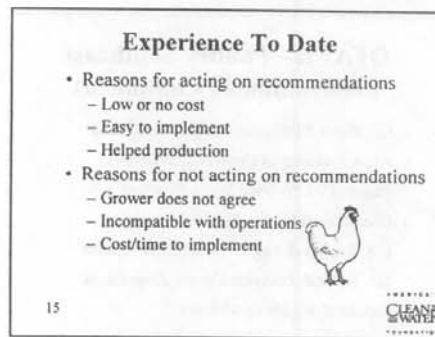
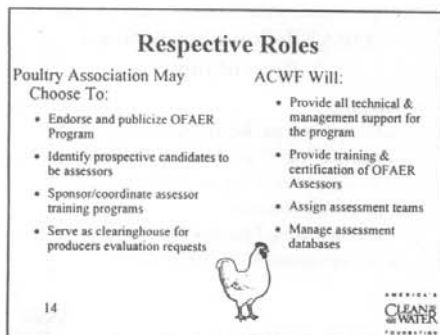
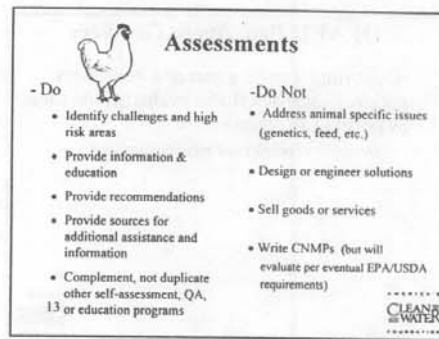
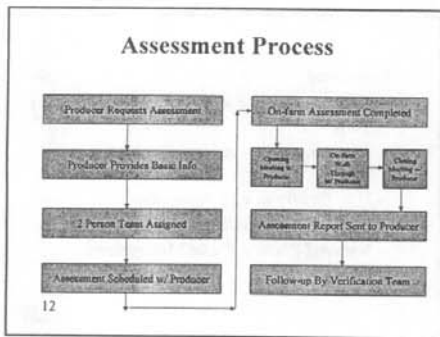
## Assessment Method

- Developed by an inter-disciplinary team of agricultural experts
- Further improved through experience gained as poultry assessments are completed



11

AMERICAN  
CLEANER  
WATER  
FOUNDATION



### OFAER Benefits to Growers

- Opportunity to be a part of a consistent national approach (to be evaluated the same as peers in all states)
  - Database of operational recommendations

18



- Completed
  - Alabama Water Resources Association
  - TVA
  - Alabama Poultry & Egg Association Staff
  - U.S. Poultry & Egg Association
  - Texas Poultry Federation
  - National Poultry Waste Management Conference



19



### OFAER – Poultry Southeast Presentations ( Continued)

- GA Water & Pollution Control Association
- AL Association of Conservation Districts
- Region IV EPA-State Water Directors
- International Poultry Exposition
- U.S. Poultry & Egg Environmental Seminar
- GA Water & Pollution Control Association Industrial Wastes Conference

### OFAER-Poultry Southeast Presentations

- Scheduled
  - Mississippi Water Resources Association
  - Alabama Water Environment Association
  - TN/KY Poultry & Egg Associations
  - SC Poultry Federation
  - GA Agricultural Education Project
  - NC Interagency Workgroup (Tentative)

20



### Other Actions

- Completed/In-Progress
  - Reviewed/Modified Assessment for Poultry
  - Completed 2 Pilot poultry evaluations (GA,AL)
  - Commitment for 25 additional pilot evaluations
  - Participation in agricultural training programs (GA, NC- tentative)
  - Completed poultry assessor training class (AL)
  - Auburn University, 18 participants
  - Future Assessor training classes planned in AL & TN
    - TVA, 30+ participants

### OFAER Poultry Project Assessor Training

Completed   
Scheduled 



### ACWF Offers

- A confidential, no-cost, no-obligation, non-regulatory, assessment of poultry farms by trained & certified evaluators
- Advice to improve water quality, litter, odor, mortality, nutrients, and site & building environmental management
- Cooperation with producer and other organizations to add to, not compete with, or duplicate, services already provided
- Service through general (anonymous) databases to report most frequent findings, solutions, costs of solutions, etc.
- Coordination with producer organizations to provide new, no-cost information for future projects, promotions, services to producers, etc.

21



### ACWF would like from YOU

- An opportunity to present OFAER-Poultry at Poultry & Egg, Water Quality, Water Resources, and other conferences in the poultry states
- Volunteer farms for confidential pilot evaluations to develop & refine the evaluation process
- Suggestions for evaluator candidates (retirees and others knowledgeable of poultry industry and/or environment, producer or association representatives, etc.)
- Suggestions for evaluator training locations, and ways to make this project more useful to producers
- Participation by as many growers as possible

22



### For Information Contact:



750 First Street NE  
Suite 1030  
Washington, DC 20002  
Phone (202) 898-0905  
Fax (202) 898-0977  
On the World Wide Web  
[www.acwf.org](http://www.acwf.org)

Or Alternatively:  
Charles Horn  
America's Clean Water Foundation  
Southeast Poultry Project  
8113 Nunn Trace  
Montgomery, AL 36117  
Phone (334) 277-1364  
E-mail: [crhorn@bellsouth.net](mailto:crhorn@bellsouth.net)

