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**Ohio Department of Agriculture Issues**  
**Final Permit to Operate for Feather Ridge Farm**

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (Sept. 24, 2009) – The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) on Tuesday, Sept. 22, issued a final Permit to Operate (PTO) for Feather Ridge Farm located at 21089 Jennings Delphos Road in Delphos, Ohio. The Van Wert County farm is in Washington Township situated in the Auglaize Watershed.

Owned by T&G Ventures and operated by Stoller Farms, Inc., the existing facility has a design capacity of 183,288 layers, which will remain the same under this final PTO. The current operation manages two hi-rise poultry buildings.

Feather Ridge Farm was issued a Review Compliance Certificate (RCC) by the department in 2004 to operate for a period of five years, after which time the facility was required to apply for a PTO renewal. The Permit to Operate would also be valid for a five-year period at which time the farm owner will be required to apply for a renewal.

The PTO is drafted to regulate facility operations with plans for manure management, insect and rodent control, mortality management and emergency response.

The Feather Ridge Farm final Permit to Operate can be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission (ERAC), 309 South Fourth Street, Room 222, Columbus, Ohio 43215. The appeal period ends at 5:00 p.m. on Oct. 26, 2009. A copy of the appeal must be served on the Director of Agriculture within three days after filing the appeal with ERAC.

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