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Ohio Department of Agriculture Issues
Final Permit for Horst Bros., LLC

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (Jan. 12, 2010) – The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) today issued a final Permit to Operate (PTO) for Horst Bros., LLC located in Stark County, Tuscarawas Township, at 2280 Deerfield Ave. in Dalton, Ohio. The facility, which is in the Tuscarawas Watershed, is owned and operated by Robert and Nevin Horst.

ODA issued a Review Compliance Certificate (RCC) to Horst Bros., LLC in 2004 to operate for a period of five years, after which time the facility was required to apply for a Permit to Operate. The PTO, which is drafted to regulate operations with plans for manure management, insect and rodent control, mortality management and emergency response, is also valid for a five-year period at which time the owners will be required to renew the operating permit.

Laying hens at Horst Bros., LLC are housed in two buildings with a total combined design capacity of 269,243 birds.

The Horst Bros., LLC final Permit to Operate can be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission (ERAC) at 309 South Fourth Street, Room 222, in Columbus, Ohio 43215. The appeal period ends at 5:00 p.m. on Feb. 16, 2010. 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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