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## ODA Issues Final Permits to Operate to Ten Mercer County Farms

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (July 1, 2009) – The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) today issued final Permits to Operate (PTO) for ten farms in Mercer County. The name, location, applicant(s) and animal design capacity of each farm are listed in the table below.

Each was issued a Review Compliance Certificate (RCC) by the department in 2003 to operate for a period of five years, after which time the facility was required to apply for a Permit to Operate. These facilities applied for Permits to Operate from the Ohio Department of Agriculture and have met the requirements in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 901:10-2.

The Permit to Operate is for the entire farm and regulates operations with plans for manure management, insect and rodent control, mortality management and emergency response. The permit is valid for a five-year period, at which time the owner(s) would be required to renew the operating permit.

Any of the permits for the facilities in the listing can be appealed within 30 days of the legal notice 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 Aug. 3, 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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Facility Name	Owner(s)/ Operator(s)	Facility Address	Township	Watershed	Livestock	Stocking Capacity
Warnock Poultry	Melvin Warnock	196 Fox Rd.; Ft. Recovery, OH 45846	Gibson	Upper Wabash	Laying Hens	299,563
Joe Siefring	Joe Siefring (formerly E&J Farms)	3241 Mercer- Darke County Line Rd.; Ft. Recovery, OH 45846	Granville	Upper Wabash	Laying Hens	125,000
Wuebker Farm	Melvin Wuebker Julie Wuebker Dan Wuebker	2129 Wuebker Road; Maria Stein, OH 45860	Marion	Upper Wabash	Beef Cattle	400
					Swine (> 55lbs)	600
					Laying Hens	304,568
J&A Poultry, Inc.	J&A Poultry, Inc. Brad Everman Jerry Everman	8393 Indian Trail Rd.; Maria Stein, OH 45860	Marion	St. Marys	Laying Hens	196,000
Kevin Langenkamp	Kevin Langenkamp	2859 Koenig Rd.; St. Henry, OH 45883	Recovery	Upper Wabash	Laying Hens	205,800
J&K Boeckman	John Boeckman Keith Boeckman	4924 Burrville Rd.; Coldwater, OH 45828	Washington	Upper Wabash	Beef Cattle	88
					Swine (> 55lbs)	500
					Laying Hens	183,570
D&T Poultry, Inc.	D&T Poultry, Inc. Dean Klosterman Tammy Klosterman	8372 County Road 219A; Celina, OH 45822	Franklin East	Upper Wabash	Laying Hens	220,320
MJ Homan Poultry Farms	Marvin Homan Jean Homan	5175 State Rt. 119; St. Henry, OH 45883	Granville	Upper Wabash	Laying Hens	250,560
Depweg Brothers	Roger Depweg Doug Depweg	4879 Philothea Rd.; St. Henry, OH 45883	Butler	Upper Wabash	Laying Hens	127,000
Muhlenkamp Farms, Ltd.	Muhlenkamp Farms, Ltd. Blake Muhlenkamp Josh Muhlenkamp Bonita Muhlenkamp	5924 State Rt. 49; Ft. Recovery, OH 45846	Washington	Upper Wabash	Laying Hens	303,000

