CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA POULTRY GROWERS' GROUP

Growers Guide

[Image of four chickens in a field]
Background of Central North Carolina Poultry Growers

The Central North Carolina Poultry Growers’ Group is a group of contract poultry growers formerly employed by Pilgrim’s Pride and Townsend. These growers reside in twelve counties in central North Carolina. As a result of extremely high feed and energy costs associated with a sluggish economy, both Pilgrim’s Pride and Townsend decided to restructure their company resources. The Pilgrim’s Siler City processing plant, feed mill and hatchery were closed. The Townsend Pittsboro, Siler City and Mocksville processing plants were closed by their parent company, Omtron. There are presently 31 former Pilgrims broiler growers and 148 former Townsend broiler growers without contracts. Between the growers and processing plant layoffs it is estimated that North Carolina will lose approximately 60 Million dollars in taxable income. The estimated debt load of the 179 growers is 90 million dollars, in most cases, the collateral for the building loans are the grower’s homes and generational family farms.

Central North Carolina Poultry Growers’ Group was formed as a result of the void created by Townsend and Pilgrim’s Pride revoking the grower’s contracts. Concerned that no local integrators may be willing to engage these growers because of the overall poor economy, the growers decided to band together to explore new possibilities.

Central North Carolina Poultry Growers’ Group has a steering committee made up of farm families that worked aggressively to represent the 179 former contract poultry growers. The steering committee is presently working with the NC Department of Agriculture, NC Poultry Federation, NC State University, US Department of Agriculture, Cape Fear Farm Credit, Carolina Farm Credit, NC Contract Poultry Growers Association, former Congressman Bob Etheridge, Rural Advancement Foundation International (RAFI), and the NC Cooperative Extension Service.

The primary goals of the Central North Carolina Poultry Growers’ Group are to bring these displaced poultry growers back into the mainstream of poultry production in North Carolina by negotiating new contracts with poultry integrators and to seek an alternative way to salvage their poultry businesses to include the potential of forming a grower-based cooperative.

The Central North Carolina Poultry Growers’ Group Guide may be accessed online at: http://chatham.ces.ncsu.edu/content/Poultryindex
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4M Farm

Andrew Meeks
310 Providence Church Road
Siler City, NC  27344
Email: meeks4farm@yahoo.com
Phone: 919-548-4881

Description of your farm: Three nice chicken houses. Great load out area. Roll seal doors. 70 kW generator.

Acres: 166
Number of houses: 3 - clear span
Size of houses: 42 ft x 400 ft
Age of houses: 18 years
Bird capacity per house: 17,500
Brand name of drinkers: Chore-Time
Age of equipment: 5 years
Brand name of auger feeders: Chore-Time
Age of equipment: 5 years
Type of ventilation: Side vents, cool cell (120 ft each house)
Number and size of fans: 1 - 36" and 9 - 48" (each house)
Type of alarm system: Agri-Alert 2400
Brand name of in-house computer system: Solution built by Agri-Alert
What type of mortality disposal used: Composter shed - incinerator
Do you have a litter storage shed? Yes
Do you use your own litter on your farm? Yes
B & B Poultry Farm, Inc.    

John Benton  
5706 NC Highway 42  
New Hill, NC  27562  
Email: chickenman529@gmail.com  
Phone: 919-775-4569  
Cell: 919-669-2331  

Description of your farm: Houses located 1,500 - 2,000 feet off highway and are secluded. Operators live on the farm and can see the chicken houses from their home. There is a 135 kW generator with three automatic transfer switches. The facility is clean and well kept.

Acres: 181
Number of houses: 6
Size of houses: 42 ft x 500 ft
Age of houses: 3 built in 1990 and 3 built in 1991
Bird capacity per house: 22,000
Brand name of drinkers: Val
Age of equipment: 4 years (new regulators and nipples in 2008)
Brand name of auger feeders: Big Dutchman unigrow
Age of equipment: 12 years
Type of ventilation: Tunnel
Number and size of fans: 60 - 48 inch, will replace with 50 inch Aerotech
Type of alarm system: Agri-Alert
Brand name of in-house computer system: Chore-Tronics
What type of mortality disposal used: Incinerator
Do you have a litter storage shed? Yes
Do you use your own litter on your farm? No
Additional comments: Consistent upgrades since 2000. Have been brooding in full house
Bernie Smith Farm

Bernard L. Smith
265 Antioch Christian Church Road
Bear Creek, NC  27207
Email: berniesmithpinehill@hotmail.com
Phone:  919-898-4820
Cell: 919-548-5832

Description of your farm:  Bernie and Carole Atkins Smith live on the Pine Hill Farm and raise poultry (4 houses), Angus cattle and Quarter horses. There are two ponds; one pond can be used as a water point in case of fire (used by Goldston Fire Department nearby). Both of us work on the farm, along with one full-time employee, Faustino Lemus.

Acres:  112
Number of houses:  4
Size of houses:  42 ft X 500 ft
Age of houses:  2 @ 12 years, 2 @ 10 years
Bird capacity per house:  22,000
Brand name of drinkers:  Val
Age of equipment:  2 @ 12 years, 2 @ 10 years
Brand name of auger feeders:  Chore-Time
Age of equipment:  2 @ 12 years, 2 @ 10 years
Type of ventilation:  Tunnel, cool cell
Number and size of fans:  Ceiling vents and fans
Brand name of in-house computer system:  Chore-Tronics
What type of mortality disposal used:  Composting at present
Do you have a litter storage shed?  Yes
Do you use your own litter on your farm?  Yes
Bonnie Scott Farm

Ronald Scott
14105 Siler City-Glendon Road
Goldston, NC 27252
Email: scott_bonnie@hotmail.com
Phone: 336-581-3369

Acres: 5.12
Number of houses: 2
Size of houses: 42 ft x 400 ft
Age of houses: 12 years
Bird capacity per house: 17,500
Brand name of drinkers: Val and Ziggity
Age of equipment: 12 years
Brand name of auger feeders: Roxell
Age of equipment: 12 years
Type of ventilation: Tunnel
Number and size of fans: 19 - 48 inches (each house)
Type of alarm system: Hired Hand
Brand name of in-house computer system: Chore-Tronics
What type of mortality disposal used: Pit
Do you have a litter storage shed? No
Do you use your own litter on your farm? Yes, periodically
C. Craig Bray Farm  
Chatham County

Craig Bray  
1115 Zeb Brooks Road  
Bear Creek, NC  27207  
Email: c craig@yahoo.com  
Phone: 919-837-5997

Description of your farm:  Poultry and beef

Acres:  130  
Number of houses: 3  
Size of houses: 40 ft x 420 ft  
Age of houses:  21 years  
Brand name of drinkers: Ziggity  
Age of equipment: Variable  
Brand name of auger feeders: Roxell  
Age of equipment: 12 years  
Type of ventilation: Tunnel  
Number and size of fans: 9 - 48 inch and 1 - 26 inch (each house)  
Type of alarm system: Hired Hand  
What type of mortality disposal used: Compost  
Do you have a litter storage shed? Yes  
Do you use your own litter on your farm? Yes
Deep River Farm, LLC
Chatham County

James Fulghum, Owner
Edward Diver, Manager
2771 Alton King Road
Goldston, NC 27252
Business: 2701 Glenwood Gardens Lane, Suite 203,
Raleigh, NC 27608 (Owner)
Email: jfulghum3@yahoo.com
Phone: (Manager) 919-898-4950, (Owner) 919-784-0129

Description of your farm: The farm is a Fulghum family property with the sole purpose of raising poultry since 1989. After a 10 year new house contract with Perdue, the farm operated as a contract grower with Goldkist until its acquisition by Pilgrim’s Pride. The property is on state maintained road 2140, on the Deep River about 2 miles off NC 421 N.

Acres: 200
Number of houses: 3
Size of houses: 40 ft x 500 ft
Age of houses: 20 years
Bird capacity per house: 23,000 all season average
Brand name of drinkers: Val with Val nipples
Age of equipment: 10 years
Brand name of auger feeders: Chore-Time
Age of equipment: 10 years
Type of ventilation: Power and tunnel. Each house with pair 87 ft Aerocool cool cell pads five years old
Number and size of fans: 8 - 48 inch fans (per house)
Type of alarm system: Farm Alarm with dedicated phone line
Brand name of in-house computer system: Chore-Tronics Model 32
What type of mortality disposal used: Composter
Do you have a litter storage shed? No
Do you use your own litter on your farm? Yes
Additional comments: Our waste management plan uses a contract hauler to spread manure. Our farm has over 600 acres locally under contract to spread manure. 80 kW diesel generator on site with 400 amp auto-transfer switch. All 6 feed bins less than 2 years old. Side-wall heaters 3 years old. Wiring conduit protected with 200 amp main breaker.
Family Tradition Farm

Allen Gilliland
3415 Bonlee Carbonton Road
Goldston, NC  27252
Phone: 919-837-8731

Acres: 180
Number of houses: 6
Size of houses: 42 ft x 500 ft
Age of houses: 10 and 12 years
Bird capacity per house: 22,000
Brand name of drinkers: Val nipple drinkers
Age of equipment: 10 and 12 years
Brand name of auger feeders: Big Dutchman with deep blue pans
Age of equipment: 10 and 12 years
Type of ventilation: Aerotech tunnel ventilated
Number and size of fans: 10 per house, 48 and 50 inch
Type of alarm system: Farm Sitter
Brand name of in-house computer system: Agri-Vent
What type of mortality disposal used: 36 ft x 72 ft compost facility
Do you have a litter storage shed? 2 litter storage sheds
Do you use your own litter on your farm? Yes
Additional comments: Farm has three wells with good water and county water for backup. Houses are situated so that feed trucks can circle house and there is room for livehaul to load out at back of house if necessary. The farm has consistently ranked near or at the top of performance rankings.
Hadley Farms

Russell Hadley
8922 Bethel South Fork Road
Snow Camp, NC  27349
Phone: 336-376-3830/336-376-8128

Description of your farm:  Chicken houses are located beside the paved road. Easy access and large area for load out

Acres:  293
Number of houses:  7
Size of houses:  3 @ 42 ft x 500 ft, 4 @ 42 ft x 400 ft
Age of houses:  500 ft houses are 12 years old, 400 ft houses are 20 years old
Bird capacity per house:  500 ft: 21,200 and 400 ft: 16,900 respectively
Brand name of drinkers:  500 ft: Val and 400 ft: Ziggity
Age of equipment:  500 ft: 12 years and 400 ft: 19 years
Brand name of auger feeders:  500 ft: Chore-Time; 400 ft: Beacon feeders with new Chore-Time heads
Age of equipment:  500 ft: 12 years old and 400 ft: 20 years
Type of ventilation:  Air intake vents, tunnel air with cool cells
Number and size of fans:  10 - 48” fans (all houses)
Type of alarm system:  Houses #1, 2, 3, 6 & 7: Hired Hand; houses #4 & 5: Pro-Tech
Brand name of in-house computer system:  Chore-Tronics (all houses)
What type of mortality disposal used:  Covered Pit
Do you have a litter storage shed?  No
Do you use your own litter on your farm?  Yes
Additional comments:  My son, Michael (46 years old), and I operate this farm
Jackie Rives Farm

Jackie Rives
5284 Pittsboro Goldston Road
Bear Creek, NC  27207
Phone: 919-898-4674

Acres:  52
Number of houses:  4
Size of houses:  42 ft x 400 ft
Age of houses:  2 built 1989, 2 built 1996
Bird capacity per house:  18,000
Brand name of drinkers:  Ziggity
Age of equipment:  Same as houses
Brand name of auger feeders:  Chore-Time
Age of equipment:  Same as houses
Type of ventilation:  Tunnel
Number and size of fans:  10 - 48 inch (per house)
Type of alarm system:  Hi Lo temp, Power outage
What type of mortality disposal used:  Incineration
Do you have a litter storage shed?  No
Do you use your own litter on your farm?  Yes
James Sipe Farm

James Sipe
990 Ralph Sipes Road
Bear Creek, NC  27207
Phone: 919-898-4886
Cell: 919-548-4172

Description of your farm:  36 acres at 8237 Old 421 S. Bear Creek. Two chicken and hay storage houses in use. Property has one 42 ft x 96 ft compost storage building, double wide mobile home, 25 gpm well and Chatham County water

Acres:  36
Number of houses:  2
Size of houses:  42 ft x 500 ft
Age of houses:  10 years
Bird capacity per house:  19,000 - 24,000
Brand name of drinkers:  Chore-Time
Age of equipment:  10 years
Brand name of auger feeders:  Chore-Time
Age of equipment:  10 years
Type of ventilation: Tunnel, side wall and ceiling vents
Number and size of fans:  10 - 48 inch and 2 - 36 inch (each house)
Type of alarm system:  Z24 Informer Pro Tech
Brand name of in-house computer system:  Chore-Time M32
What type of mortality disposal used:  Compost drum
Do you have a litter storage shed?  Yes, 42 ft x 96 ft
Do you use your own litter on your farm?  Yes
Additional comments:  60 kW generator with auto transfer switch
KW Farm

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Acres:  60
Number of houses: 2
Size of houses: 42 ft x 400 ft
Age of houses: 14 years
Brand name of drinkers: Ziggity “Big Ace” with gold nipples
Age of equipment: 4 years
Brand name of auger feeders: Chore-Time
Age of equipment: 14 years
Type of ventilation: Cool cell
Number and size of fans: 8 - 48 Proterra Bi-Flow (per house, 4 years old)
Type of alarm system: Agri-Alert, GHA-800T with battery back up
Brand name of in-house computer system: Valco Gain Track 32 port
What type of mortality disposal used: Incinerator
Do you have a litter storage shed? Yes
Do you use your own litter on your farm? Periodically
Matthews Farm

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Description of your farm: Located on the Alamance-Chatham county lines. 167 acres in Chatham county and 58 acres in Alamance county. Farm operation of beef cows and poultry. 150 acres are pasture. Family operated (three families involved)

Acres: 225
Number of houses: 4
Size of houses: 2 @ 400 ft,  2 @ 500 ft
Age of houses: 400 ft: 26 years and 500 ft:13 years
Bird capacity per house: 400 ft: 17,500 and 500 ft: 22,500
Brand name of drinkers: 400 ft: Ziggity and 500 ft: Chore-Time
Age of equipment: 26 and 13 years
Brand name of auger feeders: Chore-Time
Age of equipment: 26 and 13 years
Type of ventilation: Tunnel
Number and size of fans: 400 ft: 9 - 48 inch and 2 - 36 inch, 500 ft: 10 - 48 inch and 2 - 36 inch
Type of alarm system: 400 ft: Hired Hand and 500 ft: Pro-Tech
Brand name of in-house computer system: 400 ft: Pinnacle and 500 ft: Chore-Tronics
What type of mortality disposal used: Incinerator
Do you have a litter storage shed? Yes
Do you use your own litter on your farm? Yes
Additional comments: Our goal has always been to do the best job we could. The houses are in good shape for their age and we have always kept grass mowed and repairs made. Our ranking for 2010 was 25 out of 148 current boiler farms in retail cost per pound, which placed our farm in the top 25% of all contract boiler farms for flocks settled during the 2010 calendar year (from 1-7-11 letter from Townsend)
Rocky Acres Farm

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Description of your farm: Beautiful poultry farm

Acres: 30
Number of houses: 3
Size of houses: 450 ft long
Age of houses: 10+ years
Bird capacity per house: Approximately 18,900 birds (each house)
Brand name of drinkers: Chore-Time
Age of equipment: 10+ years
Type of ventilation: Tunnel
Number and size of fans: 2 - 36 inch fans and 9 - 48 inch fans (each house)
Type of alarm system: Central security 24 hour alarm installed (each house)
Brand name of in-house computer system: Chore-Time
What type of mortality disposal used: Incinerator
Do you have a litter storage shed? Large dry stack on farm
Do you use your own litter on your farm? Yes, we sell and use poultry litter to fertil-ize fields
Additional comments: Chicken houses are in good condition
Stout’s Poultry

Anthony Stout (Owner)
Terry & Dana Hardy (Managers)
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Siler City, NC  27344
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         919-742-5013 Owner

Description of your farm: The farm is family-owned farm since 1987. We started out with two houses and worked our way up to a six-house farm. We were a contract grower with Gold-Kist until bought out by Pilgrim's Pride. Poultry farming was our sole income. Easy access for loading and unloading. Our farm is located on Poe Road (1310), about one mile off Hwy. 421 N.

Acres: 64

Number of houses: 6

Size of houses: Houses #1 - 4: 42 ft x 400 ft and Houses #5 & 6: 42 ft x 500 ft

Age of houses: 10 - 20 years

Bird capacity per house: 18,000 - 26,000

Brand name of drinkers: Val with Val nipples

Age of equipment: 7 - 10 years

Brand name of auger feeders: Chore-Time and Cumberland

Age of equipment: 7 - 10 years

Type of ventilation: Power and tunnel, 60 feet of cool cell pads (each house)

Number and size of fans: Range from 48 inches to 52 inches High Flow fans range from 9 to 10 fans (each house)

Type of alarm system: Agri-Alert with phone lines

Brand name of in-house computer system: Chore-Tronics

Do you have a litter storage shed? No

Do you use your own litter on your farm? Yes

Additional comments: We have a contract spreader to haul and spread manure. Our farm is equipped with two Gen Rac generators (80 kW and 100 kW). Both have automatic start and 400 amp Gen Rac transfer switch. Also automatic curtain minder drop. Overhead fogging system if needed
Todd and Kathy White Farm

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Description of your farm: Poultry, cattle and operation

Acres: 40
Number of houses: 3
Size of houses: 42 ft x 400 ft
Age of houses: 1 - 12 years and 2 - years (updated in 2007)
Bird capacity per house: 17,500
Brand name of drinkers: Val
Age of equipment: 12 years
Brand name of auger feeders: Chore-Time, Roxell
Age of equipment: 12
Type of ventilation: Tunnel
   Number and size of fans: 9 - 48 inch (each house)
Type of alarm system: Agri-Alert
Brand name of in-house computer system: Chore-Tronics
What type of mortality disposal used: Incinerator
Do you have a litter storage shed? Yes
Do you use your own litter on your farm? Yes
Womble Farms
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Acres: 17
Number of houses: 3
Age of houses: 17
Bird capacity per house: 17,000 (each house)
Brand name of drinkers: Val
Age of equipment: 17 years
Brand name of auger feeders: Chore-Time C2
Age of equipment: 17 years
Type of ventilation: Tunnel, vents, cool cell
Number and size of fans: 9 - 48 inch Chore-Time tunnel fans per house
Type of alarm system: Pro-Tech
Brand name of in-house computer system: Chore-Tronics 2
What type of mortality disposal used: Composter
Do you have a litter storage shed? Yes, 40 ft x 108 ft
Do you use your own litter on your farm? No
Cumberland County
Morgan Family Farm

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Acres: 117

Number of houses: 8

Size of houses: 42 ft x 500 ft

Age of houses: 9 years

Bird capacity per house: 28,000 (at .75 density)

Brand name of drinkers: Val

Age of equipment: 9 years

Brand name of auger feeders: 4: Chore-Time and 4: Cyclone

Age of equipment: 9 years

Type of ventilation: Tunnel

Number and size of fans: 9 - 48 inch and 2 - 36 inch (each house)

Type of alarm system: Z-28 Pro-Tech

Brand name of in-house computer system: Chore-Tronics

What type of mortality disposal used: Pit (incinerator available)

Do you have a litter storage shed? Yes

Do you use your own litter on your farm? Yes

Additional comments: New recalculating systems installed in 2008