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Animal Welfare Approved Announces 2010 Good Husbandry Grants

Alexandria, VA— Animal Welfare Approved, the nationally recognized certification program and food label, is pleased to announce the selected projects for the 2010 Good Husbandry Grants cycle. This cycle's funding priorities include genetics, outdoor access, and welfare improvements in the slaughter process. Twenty-eight projects in 14 states were awarded funding.

Selected projects include mobile housing for pigs, sheep and poultry, and stunning equipment for humane slaughter. A number of proposals were funded to incorporate breeding stock that is better suited to pasture-based management. "Choosing from among the many worthy proposals was a difficult task," remarked Program Director Andrew Gunther. "But we are confident that the projects that have been selected for funding will contribute to positive developments in high-welfare pasture-based farming."

A major emphasis of the AWA grants program is to assist farmers in reaching compliance with Animal Welfare Approved standards, ranked for two years running by the WSPA as the highest of any third-party certifier. Through these grants, AWA seeks to support the efforts of those who are exemplifying the best high-welfare practices, and also to fund the development of new practices that can be adopted on other farms. "Farmers are truly the greatest innovators," says Gunther. "What we do as an organization is set the standards. There is no single right way to achieve them, which is why we end up with a myriad of creative, industrious solutions that can be implemented how and where they work best."

Selected proposals for 2010 include:

7B Bar Ranch, Roopville, GA, *predator prevention*

Albert D. Jones Farm, Chinquapin, NC, *genetic improvement, pigs*

Bedinger Farm, Catlin, IL, *genetic improvement, sheep*

Border Springs Farm, Patrick Springs, VA, *genetic improvement, poultry*

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Carolina Heritage Farm, Pamplico, SC, *outdoor access, pigs*

Circle O Livestock, Vale, OR, *genetic improvement, pigs*

Coulee View Farm, Wauzeka, WI, *genetic improvement, poultry*

D&A Farms, Autryville, NC, *genetic improvement, pigs*

Davis Creek Farm, Lovington, VA, *improvements in slaughter process*

Dogwood Nursery Farms, LLC, Maple Hill, NC, *genetic improvement, poultry*

DreamCatcher Farm, Louisville, KY, *mobile housing, cattle, pigs and sheep*

Eden Earthworks, Mountain View, HI, *improvements in slaughter process*

Ellis Family Farms, Benton Harbor, MI, *pasture improvement*

Generation Farm, Walnut Cove, NC, *genetic improvement, sheep*

Grassy Way Organics, Arena, WI, *mobile housing, cattle*

H&H Farm, Pink Hill, NC, *pasture rotation, pigs*

Hight Farms, Macon, NC, *mobile housing, pigs*

HomeGrown Poultry LLC, New Plymouth, ID, *improvements in slaughter process*

JJR Family Farm, Tebbetts, MO, *mobile housing, poultry*

Jones Farms, GrassRoots Pork Co., Beaulaville, NC, *genetic improvement, pigs*

Lil' Farm, Hillsborough, NC, *mobile housing and feeding equipment, poultry*

M.R. Goats, Worthington, WV, *mobile housing, goats*

Organic Pastures Dairy Co, LLC, Fresno, CA, *mobile housing, cattle*

Patient Wait Farms, Piedmont, SC, *genetic improvement, poultry*

The Boondockers Farm, Creswell, OR, *genetic improvement, poultry*

Vargo Farms, Bullock, NC, *mobile housing, pigs*

Yoder's Natural Farm, Bloomfield, IA, *improved pasture and water access, cattle and poultry*

For more information about Animal Welfare Approved's Good Husbandry Grants and profiles of past projects, visit www.AnimalWelfareApproved.org