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OHIO POULTRY ASSOCIATION ELECTS 2010 LEADERSHIP

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Poultry Association (OPA) recently elected its 2010 leadership team, including a diverse group of poultry and egg farmers across the state. Board members serve two-year terms on the OPA board.

Taking over as president of the OPA board is Jerry Knapke, an egg farmer and operations manager of Fort Recovery Equity in Ft. Recovery. Steve Bliesner, an egg farmer and general manager of New Day Farms in Raymond, was elected vice president. Chuck McDaniel a chicken farmer and general manager of Case Farms in Winesburg, was named secretary/treasurer.

Tom Hertzfeld II, an egg farmer and vice president of Hertzfeld Poultry Farms in Grand Rapids, has completed his term as OPA president and will serve on the board as past-president.

“It is an honor to have this team of professionals in the poultry industry to guide our association and further our mission to provide safe, wholesome poultry products to our consumers,” said Jim Chakeres, OPA executive vice president. “Through their collective leadership, I am confident that our more than \$850 billion industry will continue to succeed in Ohio.”

Ohio is the number-two egg-producing state in the nation, behind Iowa. Ohio egg farmers produce more than seven billion eggs each year. Ohio is 10th in the nation for turkey production and produces more than 300 million pounds of chicken for sale each year.

For more information about Ohio’s egg and poultry industries, please visit www.ohiopoultry.org.

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