

U.S. Poultry & Egg Association Announces 2016 Clean Water Award to Tyson Foods, Inc.



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The U.S. Poultry & Egg Association (“USP&E”) announced that the 2016 Clean Water Award has been awarded to Tyson Foods, Inc. and Sanderson Farms.

The award is presented annually to poultry facilities that are excelling in their efforts at water reclamation.

USP&E characterizes itself as the “all-feather organization representing the complete spectrum of today’s poultry industry, whose mission is to progressively serve member companies through research, education, communication and technical assistance.”

The winners were stated to have been chosen by a committee of industry engineers, industry managers, university personnel and industry media. Both companies received the awards during USP&E’s Environmental Management Seminar in Destin, Florida.

The awards are presented in two categories. They are “full treatment” and “pretreatment.”

The pretreatment category includes facilities that discharge pretreated effluent to a publicly-owned, full treatment facility for further treatment. To be eligible, a facility is required to have a minimum of two years of no significant non-compliances or notices of violations or any type of enforcement action.

Tyson Food’s, Russellville, Arkansas, further processing facility was chosen as the winner in the pretreatment category. The news release notes:

This facility treats an average of 200,000 thousand gallons of water per day. The facility recently installed a supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system to more efficiently monitor and operate dissolve air flotation (DAF) units, flow meters, tanks, pumps and other equipment remotely. In an effort to save energy, the facility manages the operation of tank aerators to ensure they are not running simultaneously. The facility continuously reviews operations to expand its reuse of treated wastewater in an effort to cultivate and demonstrate their commitment to advance conservation efforts. The facility also offers team members the ability to participate in training courses from universities and other groups to further employee knowledge and increase the level of their wastewater treatment certification.

Tyson Foods River Valley Animal Foods of Scranton, Arkansas received honorable mention in the full treatment category. Keystone Foods in Gadsden, Alabama and Tyson Foods in Rogers, Arkansas received honorable mention in the pre-treatment category.

Tyson Foods, Inc. is headquartered in Springdale, Arkansas and is one of the world's largest food companies supplying retail and foodservice customers throughout the United States in approximately 130 countries.

[A copy of the news release can be downloaded here.](#)