

Georgia's Commendation

Georgia's Governor Sonny Purdue presented UEP with an official Georgia Commendation honoring the members of UEP for the safe, ethical and humane treatment of the animals in their care, their concern for the hungry, and the development of the UEP Certified program. Chad Gregory accepted the recognition on December 11th on behalf of all UEP members. Joining him in the acceptance were Georgia egg farmers, David Lathem, Jim Brock and Brent Booker. The Commendation reads as follows:

Whereas: Egg farmers in the U. S. and the state of Georgia are committed to the safe, ethical and humane treatment of the animals in their care. Eggs are an important source of protein, essential vitamins and minerals and can make a significant contribution to a healthy diet; and

Whereas: Georgia is home to the United Egg Producers (UEP), a leading trade association representing the majority of egg farmers in America. UEP, working in partnership with an independent Scientific Advisory Committee comprised of the leading independent experts in veterinary medicine, animal behavior and food safety, developed the UEP Certified program for modern egg production; and

Whereas: UEP certified standards are implemented voluntarily by 85 percent of all egg producers who must have 100 percent compliance of all of their egg-laying flocks in order for their products to carry the UEP Certified label; and

Whereas: Egg farmers in the United States play an active role in their local communities and contribute significantly to their state and local economies; and

Whereas: Egg farmers, many of whom have run their farms for many generations of the same family, have repeatedly demonstrated their concern for the hungry as shown by their March 2008 Egg Donation Giveaway program that delivered over 12 million eggs to December 22, 2008 292 food banks across the country; now

Therefore: I, Sonny Purdue, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby commend the members of the United Egg Producers.