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### **American Proteins Receives Honorable Mention in USPOULTRY's Clean Water Award Competition**

American Proteins, Hanceville, Ala., was awarded honorable mention in the U.S. Poultry & Egg Association's 2003 Clean Water Award competition for full treatment facilities. The award recognizes outstanding water treatment facilities in the poultry industry and was presented today at the association's Environmental Management Seminar in Raleigh, N.C.

American Proteins received the honorable mention because of its commitment to environmental preservation and community enhancement. The plant does not allow any hunting on its 600 acres. Production and wastewater operations utilize about 100 acres, leaving 500 acres for wildlife habitat. The pastures serve as excellent forage for the deer population. In order to better support environmental initiatives, the plant established a separate environmental department. American Protein's wastewater facility has "evolved" over the years, and now includes a sophisticated biological nutrient removal activated sludge plant producing a pristine effluent. American Proteins has also aggressively pursued water recycling, minimizing its discharge flows.

The Clean Water Award Review Committee chose American Proteins as an honorable mention recipient after an extensive review and site visits to the semifinalists. The committee members are industry or environmental professionals and represent the various aspects of the poultry industry and regulatory community. Members of the committee include: Charles Horn, Epic Environmental Consulting; Bob Mitchell, Allen Family Foods; Terrence O'Keefe, Watt Publishing; and James Walsh Jr., Georgia Institute of Technology.

The Clean Water Award consists of two separate divisions recognizing specific aspects of the industry's environmental efforts. The Clean Water Award winner for full treatment facility was Perdue Farms, Showell, Md. Wayne Farms, Douglas, Ga., received the Clean Water Award in the pretreatment category and Gold Kist, Carrollton, Ga., received an honorable mention in the pre-treatment category.

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