Applied Poultry Science Professional Development Project
A message to farmers or prospective farmers with existing or planned poultry enterprises.

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Dear Friend,

Twenty eight agricultural service providers from the six New England states are participating in a 3-year professional development project funded by Northeast SARE. The team is comprised of veterinarians, veterinary technicians, extension educators, livestock specialists, USDA loan officers, feed specialists and farm advisors.

A primary purpose of the project is to assist farmers in New England with starting, adapting or expanding profitable small scale poultry enterprises.

An important aspect of the project is for each participant to work directly with local farms. They have been assigned to write case studies as a way to determine strengths and weaknesses of typical poultry operations. The case studies will be written so as not to identify the specific farm, farmer or location. Any information collected will be held in complete confidence.

Our team would welcome your participation in this project. We expect the project to benefit you and other poultry producers. The team is responsible for helping you to accomplish objectives such as to: identify and solve problems; develop markets; improve product quality; improve production efficiencies; locate appropriate technologies; cut costs; and hopefully generate a greater profit.

At a later date, the project’s principal investigator intends to survey participating farmers to determine impacts.

To learn more about this project, please visit the project’s web site hosted by the University of Maine http://umaine.edu/poultry/

Thank you for considering this opportunity. Please contact me or the principal investigator, Dr. Richard Brzozowski, University of Maine Cooperative Extension, richard.brzozowski@maine.edu; 207-780-4205, should you have further questions or concerns.