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GEORGIA'S EGG INDUSTRY SUPPORTS LEGISLATION

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To: GENE GREGORY
UNITED EGG PRODUCERS

FR: DANNY BECKHAM, GEORGIA EGG ASSOCIATION
JERRY STRAUGHAN, GEORGIA EGG COMMISSION

This letter is our official notice to you that Georgia's egg industry has joined together in support of the effort by UEP and the Humane Society of the United States to establish a national standard for the housing of egg-laying hens. We (Danny Beckham, president of the Georgia Egg Association, and Jerry Straughan, Chairman of the Georgia Egg Commission) have queried our producers, and together, we are announcing that Georgia's egg producers are in support of pursuing approval of amendments by Congress to the Egg Products Inspection Act.

It is our belief that the legislation, if passed as proposed, should benefit farmers and consumers, while insuring the care of all egg-laying hens. This is important, since Georgia's egg farmers work daily to provide the very best of care for their hens and to provide consumers with the freshest and highest quality table egg possible.

Georgia egg farmers adhere to the standards of the *United Egg Producers' Certified Egg Program*, and they abide by the new environmental rules and egg testing procedures associated with the Federal Egg Safety Rule.

We commend you and the UEP Board of Directors on the actions taken to date and urge you to let us to be of assistance in future efforts.