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Sanderson Farms Feed Mill Named Integrator Feed Facility of the Year

*American Feed Industry Association Recognizes Collins, Mississippi Facility for
Achievement in Feed Manufacturing*

LAUREL, Miss. (March 29, 2022) – Sanderson Farms’ feed mill in Collins, Mississippi has been recognized as the 2021 Integrator Feed Facility of the Year by the American Feed Industry Association in partnership with Feedstuffs and the U.S. Poultry & Egg Association. The award, which recognizes the highest achievement in feed manufacturing facilities, was presented during the U.S. Poultry & Egg Association’s annual Feed Mill Management Seminar.

“Sanderson Farms’ Collins facility demonstrates excellence in all of the Feed Facility of the Year scoring areas — safety, quality control and food safety, government compliance, housekeeping and facility appearance, productivity and efficiency, sustainability, employee development, and community and customer relations,” said Gary Huddleston, director of feed manufacturing and regulatory affairs for the American Feed Industry Association. “Their facility is also designed to incorporate future expansion and meet changing demands and needs.”

Whether it is the formula for an innovative poultry feed or the formula for successful operation, Sanderson Farms’ Collins feed mill has identified a unique formula for success at their facility that consists of safety, quality, regulatory compliance and employee development. The national feed manufacturing recognition marks the second time the company’s Collins feed facility has been recognized by the American Feed Industry Association as the facility was first awarded the association’s Feed Facility of the Year award in 2017.

“Achieving this type of national recognition for feed manufacturing not once, but twice is exceptional and demonstrates the employees’ dedication to quality, efficiency, safety and regulatory compliance at this facility,” said Mike Tamimi, director of production for Sanderson Farms. “I am extremely proud of the efforts of the team at our Collins feed mill and look forward to all that they are able to accomplish in the future.”

The American Feed Industry Association has been recognizing excellent feed manufacturing facilities through the Feed Facility of the Year program since 1985, with 2021 marking the first year that the association began issuing top industry awards to facilities in four

categories: commercial dry, liquid feed, premix and ingredient, and integrator. According to feedback from program organizers, the award-winning Sanderson Farms feed facility prioritizes employee engagement and morale by including employees in daily conversations about safety while empowering supervisors to assist employees by providing personal attention through the company's training program.

Each year, the Collins feed mill produces more than 400,000 tons of custom formulated poultry feed to help nourish and grow the over 660 million chickens the company raises annually. The award-winning feed facility is part of a network of eight other feed mills spread across the company's operations in Mississippi, Texas, Georgia and North Carolina that manufacture a total of more than 5 million tons of poultry feed annually.

Metrics from Sanderson Farms' feed facilities are reviewed daily, weekly, quarterly and annually in an effort to maximize efficiency while maintaining and increasing performance. Those metrics include inbound ingredient specifications, ingredient moisture, mixer analysis on specified ingredients, weekly tons of feed produced, labor costs, feed conversion rates, utility usage and performance, as well as delivery cost.

"I am proud of the work ethic and dedication to excellence that the employees at this facility exhibit each day they come to work," said Bill Bray, feed mill manager for Sanderson Farms' Collins feed facility. "Thank you to the American Feed Industry Association and its industry partners for recognizing the efforts of this deserving team."

The Collins feed mill alone processes 2,275 acres worth of corn and over 3.6 million pounds of soybeans weekly. The facility also serves as the grain delivery point for the company's Laurel, Mississippi feed mill, which accounts for nearly a third of the total grain delivered to the nearby Collins feed facility.

The nation's third largest poultry producer is committed to providing quality feed and nutrition for their birds. In fact, over 41 percent of Sanderson Farms' cost of sales is invested in purchasing and milling feed ingredients necessary to ensure a balanced diet for birds. The company's innovative feed formula consists of energy sources, proteins, fats, amino acids, vitamins and minerals necessary to grow healthy poultry.

"By operating our own feed mills, Sanderson Farms ensures that everything that goes into our chicken products is approved by specially trained nutritionists like myself and our expert veterinary team," said Dr. Amy Batal, corporate nutritionist for Sanderson Farms. "Thanks to skilled feed manufacturing teams like our team in Collins, we are able to promote optimal bird health through proper diet and nutrition."

About Sanderson Farms

Sanderson Farms, Inc., founded in 1947, is engaged in the production, processing, marketing and distribution of fresh and frozen chicken and other prepared food items. Employing more

than 17,000 employees in operations spanning five states and 17 different communities, Sanderson Farms is the third largest poultry producer in the United States. As a company, Sanderson Farms is committed to adopting a fresh approach in everything that we do, not only where products are concerned, but companywide as well. Though the company has grown in size, it still adheres to the same hometown values of honesty, integrity and innovation that were established when the Sanderson family founded the company in 1947. For more information about Sanderson Farms, visit www.sandersonfarms.com.

About the American Feed Industry Association

The American Feed Industry Association, based in Arlington, Virginia, is the world's largest organization devoted exclusively to representing the business, legislative and regulatory interests of the U.S. animal food industry and its suppliers. Founded in 1909 as the American Feed Manufacturers Association, the name changed to the American Feed Industry Association in 1985 to recognize the importance of all types of companies involved in the feed manufacturing industry — from manufacturers of commercial and integrated feed and pet food to ingredient suppliers to equipment manufacturers.

About Feedstuffs

Feedstuffs is the animal agriculture industry's leading source of news, information and analysis on the important issues affecting the business of producing food and fuel for the world's markets.

About the U.S. Poultry & Egg Association

Founded in 1947, the U.S. Poultry & Egg Association is based in Tucker, Georgia and progressively serves its poultry and egg members through research, education, communications and technical services. The association recognizes members of its industry through several annual competitions including the Feed Facility of the Year Awards, Family Farm Environmental Excellence Awards and the Clean Water Awards.

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