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POULTRY PRODUCTION MAKES UP AN IMPORTANT PART OF DELAWARE'S AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY.



in total economic activity.

Poultry houses are constructed according to environmental standards that ensure that water quality is protected. In Delaware, the building process involves state and federal permits administered through multiple agencies, including the Delaware Departments of Agriculture (DDA) and Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), the US Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Farm Service Agency (FSA), Conservation Districts and County Offices. In addition, permits required through these rules and regulations often need to be coordinated with financing requirements.

This checklist is intended to help in laying out the different steps in the building process, including up-front considerations for the About the construction process, Daniel says to "Be patient and push on. Eventually it will all come together."

—DANIEL AND PEARL ZENCAK

project, the different permits that need to be obtained, and an overall timeline to keep in mind as you move through the development process.

Your local Conservation District offers assistance to landowners in all stages of land development and farm production.

Go to dechickenchecklist.com for more information.

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DELAWARE POULTRY CONSTRUCTION COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

GETTING STARTED PLANNING YOUR OPERATION GOING TO CONSTRUCTION ☐ Evaluate the Site Acquire a Preliminary ☐ Review background **Animal Waste** data on floodplains, Management Plan or soils and tax ditch **Nutrient Management Plan** rights-of-ways & check Become a Cooperator of deed restrictions. the District to receive Get a copy of Wetland assistance on plan Determination & HELC. preparation. or acquire a Wetland Submit an NOI for CAFO Determination if **Permit Coverage** needed. to DDA 180 days prior to ☐ Contact Lenders to starting operations. determine the feasibility of

- Preliminary AWMP/NMP & Select an Engineer or Color Topographic Map **Design Professional to** ☐ Acquire an Ag Structure assist with layout and site Plan- A design professional design. Make sure plan can help ID stormwater conforms to County BMPs for construction and Setbacks and DPI Good post-construction phases.
 - ☐ Acquire a DelDOT permit for your farm entrance. Check to see if your project requires plans for a commercial entrance.

Include: NOI Form,

☐ All permits and plans must be approved BEFORE construction and bird

placement

- ☐ Submit an NOI for NPDES **Construction Permit to** DNREC. A \$195 fee applies.
- ☐ Acquire Building Permit from County
- ☐ Complete Pre-Construction Meeting with District & Contractors.
- ☐ Conduct weekly & postrainfall inspections. Keep inspection reports onsite.

Submit Post-construction

- verification document for District review and approval prior to the end of project
- ☐ Talk with your Insurance Agent about Construction and Loss of Income Insurance

☐ Submit Notice of Termination for NPDES Construction Permit when construction is complete.

- ☐ Maintain records in compliance with CAFO **Permit**
- ☐ Get certified through **Delaware's Nutrient** Management Program.
- ☐ Revise AWMP/NMP as needed and follow Implementation Schedule for BMPs Technical and cost-share assistance may be available.



"There is a sense of accomplishment when growing live animals and the reward is more than a paycheck."

—TED LAYTON & SCOTT WILLEY



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ACRONYM LIST

WP/AWMP

Animal Waste Plan/Animal Waste Management Plan

BMP

Best Management Practice

CAFO

Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation

DDA

Delaware Department of Agriculture

DelDOT

Delaware Department of Transportation

DNREC

Delaware Department of Natural Resources and **Environmental Control**

HELC

Highly Erodible Land Conservation

Kent Conservation District

NCCD

New Castle Conservation District

NMP

Nutrient Management Plan

Notice of Intent (Application for CAFO or NPDES Construction Activity Permit)

NPDES

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (regulatory and permitting program that houses both CAFO and Sediment and Stormwater Programs)

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Sussex Conservation District

SWPPP

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan



the project (if applicable).

Neighbor Policy.

☐ Select your Integrator

and standard house

dimensions.

Know their requirements

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