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**OHIO POULTRY ASSOCIATION CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS TO SERVE ON  
2016-2017 AMERICAN EGG BOARD**  
*All nominations are due by July 10, 2015*

**COLUMBUS** – The Ohio Poultry Association (OPA) is now accepting nominations to serve on the 2016-2017 American Egg Board (AEB), U.S. egg farmer’s link to consumers in communicating the value of the incredible egg. Members serve two-year terms on the national board.

“To serve as a member on a national level to help guide the egg community and further our commitment to provide a safe, wholesome egg supply to Ohioans and the world, is a prestigious honor,” said Jim Chakeres, OPA executive vice president. “I encourage Ohio egg farmers to consider nominating themselves or another producer to serve in the vital role in overseeing and carrying out AEB’s mission to increase demand for eggs and egg products on behalf of all U.S. egg farmers.”

To be eligible for nomination, persons must be producers or representatives of producers and they must own 75,000 or more laying hens. Producers who own less than 75,000 hens are eligible provided they have not applied for exemption and are paying assessments to AEB.

The Board is appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and consists of 18 members and 18 alternates from all regions of the country who are egg farmers nominated by certified state and regional organizations representing egg farmers. Members and alternates may not serve more than three consecutive two-year terms in their current position.

All nominations are due by 5 p.m. on July 10, 2015, to OPA at [info@ohiopoultry.org](mailto:info@ohiopoultry.org).

Ohio egg farmers produce more than 8 billion eggs each year with a value of more than \$574 million. Ohio is ninth in the nation for turkey production and produces more than 406 million pounds of chicken for sale each year.

For more information about Ohio’s egg, chicken and turkey farms, please visit [www.ohiopoultry.org](http://www.ohiopoultry.org).

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