



New NPTC Team Member

Mr. Dennis Brothers, of Oneonta, has joined the staff of the **National Poultry Technology Center (NPTC)** at Auburn University. Mr. Brothers accepted the position of **Extension Poultry Housing Specialist** and will serve poultry growers and managers across the state of Alabama. He will be based in Oneonta.

An Auburn graduate with both B.S. and Masters degrees, Mr. Brothers brings over ten years of industry expertise to the job, having been employed by ALFA, Gold Kist Poultry and the Alabama Farmers Cooperative. He will lead NPTC educational and technical programs on a statewide basis to improve profitability and sustainability of Alabama's poultry growers by adoption of new technologies to improve energy and production efficiencies.

The mission of the National Poultry Technology Center, which was formed in 2008, is to Improve bottom line profitability of the live production sector of the Alabama poultry industry through timely applied research and education that contribute to increased efficiencies in housing, equipment, energy and environmental control.

The poultry industry has more than a \$10 billion economic impact on the state of Alabama. In addition, some 80,000 people are employed by the poultry industry statewide. It is estimated that there are more than 11,000 poultry houses in production in Alabama.

Poultry growers desiring to contact Mr. Brothers can do so at brothers@auburn.edu, or call him at (205) 456-0414. More information on the National Poultry Technology Center at Auburn University can be found at www.poultryhouse.com.

