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## **DDA names Towle as new Nutrient Management Program Administrator**

Ed Kee, Delaware Secretary of Agriculture and Bill Vanderwende, Chairman of the Delaware Nutrient Management Commission (Commission) announced that the Delaware Department of Agriculture (DDA) has chosen Larry Towle to be the new Nutrient Management Program Administrator. Towle replaces Bill Rohrer, who left the position in April of this year. Larry Towle is no stranger to agriculture or the DDA. After receiving his Bachelor of Science Degree in Agronomy from Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture in 1975, he worked for Agway for nine years in retail and crop center management, and spent two years working with USDA Soil Conservation Service mapping wetland in Sussex County for program compliance. He has worked for the Delaware Department of Agriculture for twenty years during which he coordinated the pesticide certification and training program and fulfilled duties as the liaison with the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control on agricultural complaints.

Ed Kee said, "I am very pleased that Larry Towle accepted the position. He has been an outstanding employee throughout his career with DDA. His track record with helping Delaware farmers, the agricultural community, and the public is nothing short of exceptional. He is a great asset to DDA now and will continue to be in the future. I also want to thank Mark Davis, DDA's Deputy Principal Assistant, who willingly assumed the task of interim Nutrient Management Program Administrator while we were searching for the new program administrator. He did an excellent job for us."

Bill Vanderwende said, "The Commission is happy that Larry Towle agreed to help us take Delaware's nationally recognized Nutrient Management Program forward as we implement new regulations and standards in the coming months and years. We are certain that he will be an outstanding program administrator."

Towle, who was born in southeastern PA on a dairy/horse farm, lives in Wyoming, DE, with his wife, Barbara. They have three grown children and three grandchildren. Larry and Barbara own a 23 acre poultry farm that is under contract with Perdue Farms.