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# OSI Weihai Honored with 3-Star Good Chicken Production Award in China

# Award confirms excellent animal welfare performance

**Aurora, IL, USA, July 10, 2017** – OSI Group (Weihai) Poultry Development Company was honored with a 2017 3 Star Good Chicken Production Award (GCPA) by the International Cooperation Committee of Animal Welfare (ICCAW), which is under the Minister of Agriculture (MOA) China and cooperates with Compassion In World Farming (CIWF). The award presentation took place on June 28, 2017, in London.

This award recognizes OSI Weihai's significant achievements in <u>animal welfare</u>, including the following best practices that have been implemented, resulting in this 3-Star recognition:

- Birds are kept in conditions with suitable temperature, humidity, ventilation and lighting, and each house has an environment indicator for ammonia, carbon dioxide, etc., to ensure the air is safe
- Stocking density and litter condition are regularly monitored
- Interaction with the birds takes place twice a day to monitor bird health and equipment conditions
- Cleaning, sanitation and disinfection are conducted by batch using All In All Out farm management, which complies with the strictest practices for bio-security and environmental management
- Birds are caught with both hands, and sufficient space is provided to ensure total bird comfort
- Strict record keeping ensures total transparency and traceability

"It is our great honor to receive the 3 Star Good Chicken Production Award from the International Cooperation Committee of Animal Welfare (ICCAW) and Compassion in World Farming (CIWF)," said OSI President and COO, <u>David McDonald</u> in a message displayed at the award ceremony. "We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the ICCAW and the CAPIAC for their support and trust. We will continue to improve and promote animal welfare systems in all our operations."

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#### **About OSI**

For more than 60 years, OSI Group, LLC has been a global leader in supplying value-added protein items and other food products to leading foodservice and retail brands. It is a privately held corporation with more than 65 facilities in 17 countries. The company's global headquarters is located outside of Chicago in Aurora, Illinois, USA.

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Xi Chunlin (left), president of ICCAW, presented OSI Weihai's General Manager, Jerry Lin (right), with the 3-Star Good Chicken Production Award on June 28 in London.

OSI Weihai is a fully integrated poultry operation located in Rushan, Weihai, within Shandong Province, China. It was established in November 2009, and commenced processing in June 2010. The company is engaged in feed production, breeder feeding, hatchery, broiler feeding, slaughtering and further production to ensure the highest standards of biosecurity, quality assurance and traceability. The company operates 50 standard farms, each of which are each equipped with an auto water supply and feeding system, an adjustable ventilation and heating system, and an auto alarm system, ensuring each broiler's needs are fully satisfied.

#### **About ICCAW**

The International Cooperation Committee of Animal Welfare (ICCAW) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization approved by the Ministry of Agriculture of the People's Republic of China, and registered at the Ministry of Civil Affairs in 2013. ICCAW is affiliated to the China Association for the Promotion of International Agricultural Cooperation (CAPIAC) and is the first professional non-profit organization devoted to animal welfare.

#### **About CAPIAC**

The China Association for the Promotion of International Agricultural Cooperation (CAPIAC) assists in strengthening cooperation between China and Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries in the field of agriculture and food. It is a platform for planning and promoting the implementation of practical cooperation between real entities in agriculture – associations and companies engaged in agriculture, harvesting and processing of produce, manufacturers of food, beverages and equipment for agriculture, traders and investors in those fields.

### **About CIWF**

Compassion in World Farming, a leading farm animal welfare charity, was founded in 1967 in England by a British farmer and now works to achieve better animal welfare standards in the EU and globally. Compassion in World Farming campaigns peacefully on a global level, to end all cruel factory farming practices.

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