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## **LEE-LYNNS FARM AND RANCH IN BARRY, TEXAS, AWARDED TOP ENVIRONMENTAL AND ANIMAL WELFARE CERTIFICATION**

**--Local farm uses sustainable agriculture methods to earn Animal Welfare Approved certification for its pasture-raised laying hens--**

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**BARRY, TX (NOVEMBER 19, 2015)**-- The flock of laying hens at Lee-Lynns Farm and Ranch is now certified as Animal Welfare Approved. This certification and food label lets consumers know these animals are raised in accordance with the highest animal welfare standards in the U.S. and Canada, using sustainable agriculture methods on an independent family farm.

Like other AWA farmers across the country, Rick Tantlinger and Terry Lundberg recognize the growing consumer interest in how animals are raised on farms. Managing animals outdoors on pasture or range has known benefits for animals, consumers and the environment.

Certified AWA laying hens at Lee-Lynns Farm and Ranch roam freely on pasture or range where they can perform natural behaviors like running, foraging, pecking, dust bathing, and scratching for insects and seeds. "Truly sustainable livestock farming requires the use of a pasture-based system," explains Tantlinger, "In addition to dramatically improving the welfare of farm animals, pasturing also helps reduce environmental damage, and yields meat, eggs and dairy products that are tastier and more nutritious than foods produced on factory farms." Research shows that pasture-based management is not only better for bird welfare, but results in tasty and nutritious eggs with more beta carotene and higher levels of beneficial conjugated linoleic acid (CLA) and omega-3 fatty acids when compared to conventional eggs.

AWA Program Director Andrew Gunther says, "The accountability and integrity offered by Animal Welfare Approved farmers like Rick and Terry are unmatched in food production. We're glad to have [Lee-Lynns Farm and Ranch](#) in the AWA family."

Certified AWA pasture-raised eggs from Lee-Lynns Farm and Ranch are available direct from the farm. For more information, visit [www.Lee-Lynns.com](http://www.Lee-Lynns.com), or follow Lee-Lynns Farm and Ranch on [Facebook](#).

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