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**Mid Atlantic Propane Gas Association Exhibits at
2010 Delmarva Chicken Festival**

DOVER, Del. — More than 25,000 persons helped recognize Delmarva's largest agricultural enterprise, the chicken industry, at the weekend Delmarva Chicken Festival on the campus of Delaware State University in Dover, Delaware. This was the festival's 9th visit to Dover in its 61 year history. Several tons of chicken was consumed during the two-day festival, much of which was prepared in the giant fry pan, which is sponsored in part by the Mid Atlantic Propane Gas Association (**MAPGA**)! The propane for the giant fry pan was supplied by Paradee Gas.

This year proved to be an exciting opportunity to display the new technology available to the agricultural industry. This propane-powered equipment is an exciting break thru to the propane industry with reduced maintenance and being economically friendly. Because Propane is one of the cleanest fuels, engines last longer, oil changes are reduced and routine maintenance is cut in half. Local Propane Marketers from Tevis Propane, Sharp Propane, Amerigas, and Allied Propane were on hand to exhibit these new propane technologies.

MAPGA distributed information on the Propane Farm Equipment Efficiency Demonstration (FEED) Program. MAPGA provided information that explains how PERC is providing financial incentives to a number of producers who partner with PERC and purchase a new piece of propane equipment. Eligible Equipment includes Irrigation Engines, Mowers, and Tankless Water Heaters. The goal of the propane FEED program is to introduce new propane-fueled equipment to the agricultural industry while collecting valuable feedback on the performance of that equipment in real world settings.

In addition this year, Trent J. Johnson, MAPGA Safety & Outreach Coordinator was on hand to demonstrate safe grilling procedures. Consumers also expressed interest in the new propane technologies that are expanding organic agriculture by helping reduce the need for chemicals by using propane-fueled heat and steam for defoliation, insect control, and sterilization. It was exciting to display the new wave of green products that utilize clean burning propane.

The Delmarva Chicken Festival, one of America's oldest food festivals, is DPI's largest promotion. Non-profit community groups are able to earn income through their participation at the festival. The weekend spotlights an industry that provides tens of thousands of jobs and more than two billion dollars in annual economic activity. Delmarva produces about six percent of America's broiler chickens. The broiler chicken industry is the largest part of agriculture in Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia.

The 62nd Delmarva Chicken Festival is slated for June 2011 in Georgetown, Delaware where the first festival was held in 1948.