

# The Porkline

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**NC PRODUCER WINS NATIONAL AWARD:** Bobcat Farms in Clinton, owned by NCPC board member Henry Moore, III, and his father, is one of four national winners of the coveted Environmental Steward award presented annually by the National Pork Board (NPB) Checkoff. The stewards are selected by judges who look for producers from throughout the country who exemplify high environmental standards on their farms. Farms are evaluated on their manure management systems; water and soil conservation practices; odor-control strategies; farm aesthetics and neighbor relations; wildlife habitat promotion; innovative ideas used to protect the environment and an essay on the meaning of environmental stewardship.

Bobcat Farms is a 4,800 sow farrow-to-wean operation. Alan Williams is the farm's production manager and a stakeholder in the business.

Moore gives credit for the honor to the "team" of professionals who help keep the farm operating to high standards. He also says that he is only one of many producers in North Carolina who exemplify what it means to be stewards of the environment. "Producers in North Carolina love what they do, and they make sure they are doing what's necessary to protect the environment," he said. "We raise our families here, we drink the same water, breathe the same air, and enjoy the same wildlife and environment as everyone else. There is no one that wants to protect our environment more than we do."

The stewards were honored this week in Washington DC and will receive recognition from their peers at the 2007 National Pork Industry Forum in Anaheim, Calif.



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