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**STEADY WORK:** Levi King, who manages his family's custom poultry slaughtering plant in Darke County, says the plant has been busy since his parents opened it in 1994.

**G**ROWING consumer demand for eggs, chicken and turkey is encouraging expansion of Ohio's poultry industry, but that expansion goes beyond production increases. Consumers not only want more poultry products, some also want their eggs and meat produced in specific ways. The state's egg, broiler and turkey production are all expanding, and some producers are also investing in facilities or adjusting production practices to meet consumer preferences, says Jim Chakeres, executive vice president of the Ohio Poultry Association. "The challenge continues to be working with consumer demand," he says.

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