

Arkansas Livestock & Poultry Commission
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**NPIP - REGULATIONS FOR TESTING, IDENTIFICATION, MOVEMENTS, AND
MEETING THE NPIP REQUIREMENTS**

Aviculture

Definitions:

Aviculture includes exotic chickens, upland birds (chuckers, pheasants), peafowls, and backyard chickens. Waterfowl are included when they are domesticated and transported into the state.

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NPIP means the National Poultry Improvement Plan.

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(2) Interstate Movement:

Birds are to be moved on a negative pullorum-typhoid test with proper documentation and identification on NPIP VS form 9-2 or 9-3.

a. 90-Day Certificate

b. Birds are from a NPIP certified flock

c. Birds are to be moved with proper identifying papers at all times.

(3) Birds that move into the state for a show will need accompanying documents to show that they are pullorum-typhoid clean.

(4) Birds coming in for shows and sale will need the same documentation as mentioned previously in #3 plus a health certificate.

(5) Birds at flea markets or swap meets or for exhibition will need to be pullorum-typhoid clean as documented by a 90-day certificate or come from a NPIP certified flock. If birds

are not tested when entered at flea markets then the owner/manager of the flea market will be requested to offer the service.

- (6) Hatcheries may voluntarily come under the NPIP which will mean:
 - a. Eggs must come from a NPIP pullorum-typhoid clean flock or be 100% blood tested negative for pullorum-typhoid.
 - b. Hatchery would periodically have to be swabbed plus egg shells and fluff will be tested once per year.
 - c. Cleaning and disinfection procedures must be followed to control salmonella and other infectious diseases according to the NPIP (147.23).
 - d. Offspring out of this hatchery can move interstate on a VS form 9-3.

- (7) Birds found to be reactors to the pullorum-typhoid test must be immediately brought to the diagnostic lab either at Little Rock or Springdale.
 - a. Send all papers to the NPIP office at #1 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205.
 - b. Birds will be re-bled and further examined serologically at labs.
 - c. Birds must be sacrificed for culture and isolation of salmonella if found positive at labs.
 - d. This applies to all reactors under any circumstances.
 - e. Reactors will be examined serologically and cultured for bacteriological examination acceptable to the NPIP program.

- (8) If exhibition birds show signs of illness regardless of the pullorum-typhoid test, they may be sent home under quarantine either by the person in charge of the show or a representative of the state or federal government.

- (9) Schools - Each individual participating as an agent will be expected to keep his/her schooling and/or license up as required by the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission. A license will be issued each time upon completion of the test requirements for length of time spelled out on license. Fee for license will be \$10.00 annually.

- (10) Blood testing can only be done by a state or federal employee, veterinarian, or an agent.

(11) Removal of License as an Agent:

An agent's license will be revoked under the following conditions:

- a. Failure to report all blood testing results to the NPIP office within 10 days following the completion of such tests.
- b. Failure to send reactors to the labs. Reactors must be sent to the lab within two working days from the time of the blood test.
- c. Any retest by a state NPIP inspector of flocks tested by an agent which reveals discrepancies of 5% or more in two or more flocks or any one flock containing 100 or more birds, shall be grounds for suspension of the license until such time as an official investigation is completed.
- d. Any falsification of testing records or flock selection shall be grounds for suspension of license and a possible fine of \$100.00 to \$1,000.00 per count and/or up to one year in jail.
- e. The first violation that is contrary to the regulation will result in the suspension of the license for 60 days. The second violation will result in the revocation of the license for 9 months or until the next blood testing school is held, whichever comes first.

(12) Flock Certification Under the NPIP (Voluntarily Only)

- a. Participants must sign and have on file a document in the NPIP office which discloses their willingness to participate in one or more of the following categories: Hatchery, Dealer and/or Flock owner.
- b. Participant must have demonstrated to the NPIP office that any time during the preceding 12 months they have complied with the following regulations:
 1. Have the flock blood tested* by a NPIP state inspector or another licensed blood tester, other than yourself, and send the egg shells and fluff to the lab for culturing. Wing bands or leg bands to be used for I.D. where applicable and/or reasonable. OR
Bring or mail the blood samples* and fluff and egg shells from all your flocks for one hatching season. If you send blood, we require 1-2cc per bird.

2. Buy only pullorum-typhoid clean birds and ask for VS form 9-3 to accompany the shipment.
3. Follow good husbandry practices.
4. We recommend you attend the pullorum-typhoid blood testing school and keep the license current.
5. Repeat item #1 every year by reduced blood testing* of flock by five percent (5%) but all egg shells and fluff samples still need to be sent to the labs. Example for a multiplier breeding flock: For a 500-bird flock, 25% of 125 birds need to be tested for the first year. Each following year, reduce the testing five percent (5%). Any flock under 100 birds, all birds need to be tested. This practice will be used unless a reactor is found. If a reactor is found, it will be handled according to the NPIP and auxiliary provisions program.
6. A NPIP official will visit your farm to check papers (record keeping) and determine the general cleanliness. Your flock will be certified if no infection for pullorum-typhoid is found and a certificate will be issued for that flock which will be good for one (1) year. Your name will be forwarded to the NPIP office at Hyattsville, Maryland to be published in the Director of Participants handling waterfowl, exhibition poultry and game birds.

U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean State (145.54 (a))

Primary Breeding Flocks**

300 birds/flocks or, for game birds, an approved serological examination monitoring program may be used, or for waterfowl and exhibition breeding flocks located in a state which has been a U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean State for the past three years, during which time no pullorum or typhoid was traced to a source in the state, an approved serological examination monitoring program may be used.

Multiplier Breeding Flocks***

No testing required.

*The number of serum samples to be pulled will depend upon the size of the flock, the origin of the flock, whether the flock is a primary breeding flock or a multiplier breeding flock, and whether or not they have proper papers to prove their origin. However, the following NPIP regulations will be implemented and practiced, if applicable, since Arkansas is a "U. S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean State".

**First generation progeny of a primary breeding flock which is intended solely for the production of multiplier breeding flock will qualify on the same basis as a multiplier breeding flock. This provision is intended only for birds in grandparent flocks which will not be saved for further genetic improvement.

***Must originate from P-T clean primary breeding flocks or equivalent and must have proper papers. All isolations of P-T in state must be reported.

Game Birds

Definitions:

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(2) Interstate Movement

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