

**OFFICIAL OWNER ENDORSED POULTRY HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR ALL
EXHIBITION POULTRY, INCLUDING CHICKENS, TURKEYS, WATERFOWL, UPLAND
GAME BIRDS, AND RATITES AND THEIR HATCHING EGGS; AND PIGEONS/DOVES
2017**

A completed owner-endorsed poultry health certificate must accompany all poultry, including chickens, turkeys, waterfowl, upland game birds, and ratites; and pigeons/doves to an exhibition. The certificate must be presented to exhibition management prior to cooping of the birds. This certificate *must* be endorsed with the bird owner's signature.

The following is required:

1. Exhibition Information:

a. Name of exhibition: _____

b. Address of exhibition: _____
Street

City State Zip

2. Owner Information:

a. Owner name: _____

b. Owner address: _____
Street

City State Zip

c. Owner telephone number: (____) _____ - _____

d. Owner email address: _____

3. Verification of Testing for all poultry and hatching eggs (All samples must be collected by a Certified Poultry Technician or a Category II Accredited Veterinarian):

A. Avian Influenza (*pigeons and doves excluded*): Poultry and hatching eggs must originate from a flock in which a minimum of 30 birds, three weeks of age or older, were tested negative for avian influenza within the 30 days prior to opening date of the exhibition and the birds or hatching eggs must be accompanied by the negative test report (copy acceptable). Samples must be collected from a random, representative sample of the entire flock (all poultry on the premises). If there are fewer than 30 birds in the flock, test all birds. For domestic waterfowl, cloacal swab samples must be collected for testing, and the swabs may be tested using virus isolation or PCR (one bird type per tube) techniques.

B. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean Testing and Verification:

(a) PA poultry: All PA- origin poultry and hatching eggs (*pigeons, doves, and waterfowl excluded*) must originate from a flock in good standing in the NPIP Pullorum-typhoid Clean Program or from a flock in good standing in the PA Pullorum Equivalent Program (and there was no break in the chain of ownership by program participants), and the birds or hatching eggs must be accompanied by the most recent negative test report (copy acceptable). The NPIP number must be noted on the report for NPIP Pullorum-typhoid Clean flocks. If bird-side testing was done, the NPIP 9-2 or state equivalent form must accompany the birds (copy acceptable);

OR

Individual birds (*pigeons, doves and waterfowl excluded*) for exhibition must have had a negative pullorum-typhoid test within the 90 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition. The birds must be accompanied by the negative test report or state equivalent form for the rapid test (copy acceptable).

(b) Imported poultry: All poultry and hatching eggs (*pigeons/doves excluded*) must come from NPIP Pullorum-typhoid Clean flocks in good standing with the program (and there was no break in the chain of ownership by NPIP participants) and the birds or hatching eggs must be accompanied by the NPIP 9-3 form;

OR

Individual birds (*pigeons/doves excluded*) (maximum of 300) must have had a negative pullorum-typhoid test within the 30 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition. The birds must be accompanied by the most recent test report (copy acceptable). Test results must be negative. If the rapid whole-blood plate agglutination test was done, the most recent NPIP 9-2 form must accompany the birds (copy acceptable).

(c) For pullorum-typhoid testing, the following age restrictions apply for all poultry to comply with NPIP standards:

- Chickens shall be tested at 4 months of age or older.
- Turkeys shall be tested at 12 weeks of age or older.
- Game birds shall be tested at 4 months of age or older, or upon sexual maturity, whichever comes first.
- Ratites shall be tested at 12 months of age or older.
- Waterfowl (imported) shall be tested at 4 months of age or older.
- All birds not meeting these age restrictions are exempt from pullorum-typhoid testing requirements.

4. Bird identification: All poultry, including chickens, turkeys, waterfowl and upland game birds entering an exhibition must bear an individual **OFFICIAL STATE LEG BAND**. For PA poultry, official crimp-style leg bands will show “PDA” on the bands, and official Butt-end band numbers begin with the prefix “PA”. This requirement will be enforced as of June 1, 2017. Ratites must be identified with a neck band or an electronic implant device (the exhibitor must supply a reader). Pigeons and doves must bear a unique individual identification leg band (official state leg bands not required for pigeons and doves).

5. Verification of flock health status:

All poultry, including chickens, turkeys, waterfowl, upland game birds, ratites, and pigeons/doves (and hatching eggs) for exhibition or display are part of a flock which is free from evidence of infectious and contagious diseases.

6. Verification of pigeons/doves:

Description of pigeons/doves (number, age, color, gender):

7. Owner Endorsement:

I certify that the above information represents a true and accurate statement regarding my bird(s) and their home flock(s). I further attest and affirm that a “veterinarian consultation relationship” – as that phrase is defined in the Animal Exhibition Sanitation Law found at 3 Pa.C.S.A. § 2501 *et seq.* and any amendments thereto – “exists with regard to any poultry, waterfowl, upland game birds, ratites and pigeons I will be exhibiting”. The name and phone number of the consulting veterinarian must be included on the entry form.

Owner Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

To report illness or mortality in your flock, call the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture at 717-772-2852.

Additional owner-endorsed health certificates are available from the nearest Department of Agriculture regional office or on the website at www.agriculture.pa.gov.