

**OFFICIAL OWNER ENDORSED AVIAN HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR ALL  
EXHIBITION BIRDS AND THEIR HATCHING EGGS**

**A completed owner-endorsed avian health certificate or a certificate of veterinary inspection must accompany all avian species and their hatching eggs to an exhibition. The certificate must be presented to exhibition management prior to cooping of all avian species or display of hatching eggs. This owner-endorsed health certificate *must* be endorsed with the bird owner's signature.**

The following information is required:

**1. Exhibitor Information:**

a. Name of exhibition: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Address of exhibition: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Route or Box Number

\_\_\_\_\_

City

State

Zip

**2. Owner Information:**

a. Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Owner Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Route or Box Number

\_\_\_\_\_

City

State

Zip

c. Owner telephone number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

d. Owner email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Verification of Testing for all poultry, including chickens, turkeys, waterfowl, game birds** (such as pheasants, partridge, quail, grouse, and guineas), **ratites, and hatching eggs** (all samples must be collected by a Certified Poultry Technician or a Category II Accredited Veterinarian):

a. Avian influenza testing and verification:

- i. National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) protocols for sample collection, including the number of swabs/tube of viral transport media (see vi and vii below), and testing shall be followed. All samples must be tested at a NAHLN laboratory.
- ii. All poultry, including chickens, turkeys, waterfowl, game birds, and ratites, and their hatching eggs must originate from a flock in which a random, representative sample of a minimum of 30 birds, three (3) weeks of age or older, were tested for avian influenza within 30 days prior to entry into the exhibition.
- iii. If there are fewer than 30 birds in the flock, all birds of age must be tested.
- iv. Test results must be negative.
- v. All poultry and hatching eggs must be accompanied by the most recent test report (photocopies are acceptable).
- vi. Chickens, turkeys, game birds, and ratites may meet the testing requirements with blood testing or tracheal/oropharyngeal swab testing. If swab samples are collected, swabs from different species - e.g. chickens and turkeys - may not be combined in a tube of viral transport media (BHI). If 5 or fewer swabs are collected per tube, the swab tips may be left in the tube. If between 5 and 11 swabs per tube are collected, swirl the swab tip in the BHI liquid, press the swab tip against the inner surface of the tube to remove excess material into the tube, and discard the swab in a biosecure manner.
- vii. Waterfowl such as ducks and geese must be tested with cloacal swab samples. Swabs from different species - e.g. ducks and geese - may not be combined in a tube of viral transport media (BHI). Up to 5 swabs may be placed per tube for waterfowl testing. Swab tips may be left in the tube.
- viii. Poultry not meeting the testing requirements shall not be comingled with or added to tested flocks after negative samples have been collected and before poultry or hatching eggs enter the exhibition.

b. Pullorum-typhoid testing and verification:

- i. National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) protocols for sample collection and testing shall be followed.
- ii. Poultry, including chickens, turkeys, game birds and ratites (waterfowl are excluded), and their hatching eggs:

- 1) Must originate from a flock currently enrolled, tested, and in good standing on the NPIP Pullorum-typhoid Clean Program, with no break in the chain of ownership by NPIP participants, and the poultry or hatching eggs must be accompanied by the most recent laboratory test report or 9-3 form (*Report of Sales of Hatching Eggs, Chicks, or Poults*) which includes the NPIP number; or NPIP 9-2 form (*Flock Selecting and Testing Report*) for the rapid whole blood agglutination plate test which includes the NPIP number (photocopies are acceptable); or
- 2) Must originate from a flock currently enrolled, tested, and in good standing on the PA Pullorum Equivalent Program, with no break in the chain of ownership by program participants, and the poultry or hatching eggs must be accompanied by the most recent laboratory test report which includes the program enrollment number, or state rapid test reporting form for the rapid whole blood agglutination plate test for pullorum-typhoid which includes the program enrollment number (photocopies are acceptable); or
- 3) All individual poultry, including chickens, turkeys, game birds, and ratites (waterfowl are excluded), or poultry providing hatching eggs (maximum of 300 from a flock) entering a Pennsylvania exhibition must have had a pullorum-typhoid test within the ninety (90) days prior to the opening date of the exhibition. The poultry or hatching eggs must be accompanied by the most recent laboratory test report; or the Department’s rapid test reporting form for the rapid whole blood agglutination plate test for pullorum-typhoid performed on non-NPIP birds (photocopies are acceptable).
- 4) Test results must be negative.
- 5) The following age restrictions apply for pullorum-typhoid testing:
  - 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.
  - Poultry which is individually tested for pullorum for exhibition must have a negative pullorum test if of age at the time of entry into the exhibition.

**4. Bird identification:** All poultry, including chickens, turkeys, waterfowl and 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”. Ratites must be identified with a neck band or an electronic implant device (the exhibitor must supply a reader). Pigeons, doves, and other avian species such as psittacines and passerines must bear a unique individual identification leg band (official state leg bands are not required except for poultry).

Description of all birds (number, age, color, gender) or hatching eggs:

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**5. Verification of avian health status:**

All avian species (and hatching eggs) for exhibition or display are free from evidence of infectious and contagious diseases.

**6. Owner Endorsement:**

I certify that the above information represents a true and accurate statement regarding by 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 avian species and their hatching eggs which 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 717-772-2582.**

Additional owner-endorsed health certificates are available from the nearest Department of Agriculture regional office or on the website at [www.agriculture.pa.gov](http://www.agriculture.pa.gov).