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NATIONAL POULTRY IMPROVEMENT PLAN MARYLAND NEW PARTICIPANT INFORMATION PACKET

What is the National Poultry Improvement Plan?



The National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) is a joint United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and State disease control program started in the 1930's to eliminate Pullorum disease caused by *Salmonella pullorum* which infects chickens, turkeys, guinea fowl, game birds, waterfowl, pigeons, ratites, psittacines and songbirds.

Upward of 80% of baby poultry died and there was significant loss of productivity in adult birds due to the disease. Several states started PT testing programs, eliminating infected birds from their breeding poultry flocks and identifying PT free flocks. Other states began to follow suit, resulting in a national network of disease free poultry. Those cooperative efforts paid off and Pullorum and Typhoid rarely are diagnosed in the U.S. today.

Since then, NPIP has expanded to include testing and classifications for several other diseases including Fowl Typhoid (*Salmonella gallinarum*), *Mycoplasma gallisepticum*, *Mycoplasma synoviae*, *Mycoplasma meleagridis*, and Avian Influenza.

Through testing strategies and biosecurity methods, participants can feel confident that their flocks are free of classified diseases. The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) uses the NPIP program as a tool to protect Maryland's poultry network. **ALL SELLERS OF LIVE POULTRY AND HATCHING EGGS IN MARYLAND ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NPIP PROGRAM** - sales through *authorized* auction markets are exempt.

Find more information about the NPIP program at: poultryimprovement.org

NPIP PARTICIPATION—WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

- Monitors the health of your flock for plan diseases and provides certification through regular testing
- Limits the likelihood of introduction of disease into your flock by purchasing NPIP certified birds
- Enables you to sell birds both in Maryland and nationwide (Check each state's import requirements as some may vary)
- Promotes interstate movement of poultry and certification can be used as a promotional tool for your poultry business (Interstate mail-order shipment of poultry is allowed with a VS Form 9-3 but subject to each state's import requirements)
- Fulfills many exhibition requirements at poultry shows (NPIP PT Clean states must have negative test results for birds at shows and fairs in their states)



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WHAT IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM?

→ Submit the application at the end of this packet

- ◆ Once the application has been submitted and processed, the MDA NPIP team will contact you to set up an inspection and discuss flock testing

→ Maryland Poultry Premises Registration

- ◆ One-time application for all persons in MD that own poultry (found on our [website](#))

→ Annual Pullorum-Typhoid (PT) testing (required)

- ◆ ALL birds in your flock over 4 months of age (up to 300 birds) or age of sexual maturity for game birds and other species

→ Annual flock and premises inspection

→ Records

- ◆ Participants must retain records of all poultry purchases and sales using VS 9-3 forms
- ◆ Participants must submit VS 9-3 forms to MDA within 7 days of poultry shipment and movement (free online reporting is available through the NPIP website)
- ◆ Records must be retained for 3 years

Submit your completed application (below):
Email to animalhealth.mda@maryland.gov

You can also send through the mail at the below address:

Maryland Department of Agriculture
Animal Health
Attn: NPIP
50 Harry S. Truman Parkway
Annapolis, MD 21410

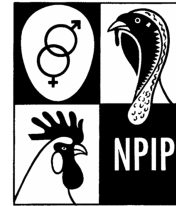
****EMAIL IS PREFERRED****

The only disease testing required to participate in the NPIP is annual Pullorum-Typhoid (PT) testing. Other voluntary diseases included in MDA's NPIP program are Avian Influenza (AI), *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* (MG) and *Mycoplasma synoviae* (MS). These optional disease programs require more frequent testing, depending upon the desired disease program. Further details of each disease program are provided on the next page.





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TESTING PROGRAMS AND COSTS:

All participants may request annual Pullorum-Typhoid testing and voluntary program sample collection by MDA inspectors during the annual NPIP inspection. Please call our office or email us to discuss relevant fees for your flock.

Alternatively, and for sampling required during the rest of the year for elected disease programs, NPIP participants may utilize Authorized Maryland Poultry Testing Agents (PTA's) to conduct all required and optional program tests/sampling. Please visit [Find a Poultry Tester on the MDA Poultry Website](#) to find an Authorized Maryland PTA in your area.

Salmonella pullorum - Salmonella gallinarum* (PT) Testing **REQUIRED FOR NPIP*

- Frequency - annual (365 days)
- Method - blood test (on farm)
- Cost - varies depending on species (turkeys cannot have the on farm test performed so blood is drawn and sent to the lab)

Avian influenza - RECOMMENDED

- Frequency - every 6 months (180 days)
- Method - oral or cloacal swab depending on species
- Cost - varies per flock size

***Mycoplasma synoviae* - OPTIONAL**

- Frequency - every 3 months (90 days)
- Method - oral swab or less commonly blood test
- Cost - varies by test

***Mycoplasma gallisepticum* - OPTIONAL**

- Frequency - every 3 months (90 days)
- Method - oral swab or less commonly blood test
- Cost - varies by test

Additional fees

- Yearly participation processing fee - includes annual NPIP inspection and one follow up visit
 - Will be collected at time of inspection
- Call fee - additional farm visit if necessary during the time between inspections



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☐ NEW

☐ RENEWAL

MARYLAND NPIP APPLICATION

OWNER NAME:		FARM NAME:		MD POULTRY PREMISES REGISTRATION:	
PREMISES STREET ADDRESS:				COUNTY:	
CITY:	ZIP:	PHONE:		EMAIL:	

FLOCK INFORMATION

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE):			
PURPOSE OF FLOCK:			
☐ LIVE POULTRY/HATCHING EGG SALES	☐ HATCHERY	☐ EXHIBITION	☐ OTHER (specify):

NUMBERS AND BREEDS

QUANTITY	CHICKENS	TURKEYS	WATERFOWL	GAME BIRDS	RATITES	OTHER
MALES:						
FEMALES:						
LIST ALL BREEDS IN FLOCK (PLEASE USE STOCK CODE LIST ON NPIP WEBSITE) https://www.poultryimprovement.org/documents/Stock-Codes-Alphabetical.pdf						
CHICKENS:						
TURKEYS:						
WATERFOWL:						
GAME BIRDS:						
RATITES:						
OTHER:						

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PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

CHECK THE DISEASES YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR FLOCK TESTED AND CERTIFIED FOR:	
☐ PULLORUM-TYPHOID (REQUIRED)	☐ MYCOPLASMA SYNOVIAE (MS)
☐ AVIAN INFLUENZA (RECOMMENDED)	☐ MYCOPLASMA GALLISEPTICUM (MG)
1. I agree to comply with the sanitation, testing, and record keeping requirements of the NPIP. 2. I agree to submit VS Forms 9-3 for every shipment of poultry products sold or transferred out of the State of Maryland. 3. I agree to purchase poultry only from certified NPIP members or to isolate new poultry and conduct NPIP testing prior to introducing them into my flock. 4. I also understand that, as a participant, I may exhibit my birds in Maryland and sell live poultry and hatching eggs while following the proper requirements for each show. I may also ship interstate without further testing, depending on the requirements of the state of destination. I will contact the state of destination to confirm their requirements before selling out of state. 5. I understand that there is an annual cost of participation for the NPIP program. There may be additional fees associated with required testing. I will contact MDA to confirm the fees for inspection and testing.	
SEND COMPLETED FORM VIA EMAIL (PREFERRED) OR MAIL: EMAIL: animalhealth.mda@maryland.gov MAIL: Maryland Department of Agriculture, Animal Health, Attn: NPIP, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21410 GENERAL INQUIRIES: animalhealth.mda@maryland.gov OR npip.md@maryland.gov	
OWNER SIGNATURE:	DATE:
NPIP COORDINATOR SIGNATURE:	DATE:

MDA PERSONNEL ONLY:

☐ INSPECTION	DATE:	NOTES:
☐ PT TEST	DATE:	NOTES:
☐ AI TEST	DATE:	NOTES:
☐ OTHER	DATE:	NOTES: