



MARYLAND POULTRY REGISTRATION FORM

Registration is **MANDATORY** by authority of:

Agric. Art., Section § 3-804.

Annotated Code of Maryland



OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Poultry Owner Information:

Poultry Owner Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

City: _____ State: **MD** Zip: _____ County: _____

Your registration number will be sent by email. Please check this box if you would also like a mailed copy. ☐

Domestic Poultry:

(Check ALL that apply, include the number of birds maintained during the last 12 months)

☐ Chickens: # _____

☐ Game Birds (*Chucker, Pheasants, Quail, Turkey*): # _____

☐ Ratites (*Ostriches, Emus*): # _____

☐ Waterfowl (*Ducks, Geese, Swans*): # _____

☐ Pigeons or Doves: # _____

☐ Exotic Birds (*Registration of exotic birds is voluntary*): *Species*: _____ # _____

☐ A body of water is located adjacent to
or near the property

☐ A pond is located on the property

Purpose of Flock: (Check all that apply)

☐ Hobby/Pet ☐ Auction ☐ Consumption ☐ Show/Competition ☐ Other:

Sources of Birds: (Check all that apply)

☐ Auction ☐ Online ☐ Retail ☐ Self-Raised ☐ Other:

Is your flock National Poultry Improvement Program certified? ☒ No ☐ Yes #

Do you wish to become NPIP certified? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Completed by:

Date:

Questions: 410-841-5810 (phone) animalhealth.mda@maryland.gov (e-mail)

Return completed form by email (preferred) to: animalhealth.mda@maryland.gov
Or by mail to: MD Dept. of Agriculture Poultry Registration, 50 Harry S. Truman Pkwy,
Annapolis, MD 21401

Maryland Department of Agriculture

Mandatory Poultry Registration

Why a poultry registration program? This program helps protect the Maryland domestic poultry industries from the spread of diseases such as avian influenza.

Who needs to register? All individuals involved in keeping or caring for all types of poultry and any number of birds, which would include: small households, all forms of live poultry production, production facilities/farms, suppliers, dealers, haulers, wholesalers, live bird markets, and participants in MD's fairs and shows. By definition poultry includes: Chickens, turkeys, ratites, waterfowl, game birds and domestic/captive pigeons.

Who is exempt from registration? Registration is not required if five (5) or less birds are housed for less than 120 days in a 12 month period. Exempt premises may not have other poultry on the property. Poultry can not be moved from the exempt premises, participate in shows or be sold. Examples of exempt poultry: Easter chicks, school or 4-H broiler projects and certain pets.

Exotic Bird registration is voluntary and is not mandatory. However, if your birds are associated with high risk activities, registration is recommended. High-risk activities include: showing, trading, breeding, multiple bird households and activities which involve commingling with poultry or other birds.

§3-101 Registration Confidentiality: Public Information Notice: The Department of Agriculture shall maintain the information provided in this form in a manner that protects your identity. The Secretary of Agriculture, however, may disclose identifying information if he determines, after consulting with the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, that such disclosure is necessary to protect the public health or prevent the spread of an infectious or contagious disease.

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