

Live Bird Market System (LBMS)

Checklist for Live Bird Market Establishments

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Live Bird Markets: facility that receives live poultry to be resold or slaughtered and sold on-site, not including growers that sell or slaughter their own birds on their own premise.

- Must be licensed/registered with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) whether the licensee is located in Virginia or other states.
- All applications must contain the following:
 - Business name, address, and telephone number
 - Owner's name, address, and telephone number
 - Hours of operation
 - Premise identification number-VDACS can provide upon request
 - Bird capacity
 - Other businesses under the same ownership in the LBMS, including other dealerships, bird transportation businesses, and commercial poultry operations
 - A list of all avian and nonavian species distributed.
- The Live Bird Market will be assigned a Premise ID if they do not already have one.
- The LBM must agree to comply with Virginia's Avian Influenza Proclamation and animal admissions regulations.
- VDACS officials will conduct an initial inspection and approval of the facility, its record keeping system, and the C&D of its equipment is required before issuing of license. Subsequent inspections will be conducted on a quarterly basis.
- All personnel that work for the company must be trained in biosecurity by State/Federal personnel or by a trained company representative.
 - Certification of employee training must be maintained in the personnel files
 - There is a set biosecurity training protocol to be followed.
- LBM may only accept qualified birds from AI test-negative flocks that are identified and documented in accordance with Virginia state standards.
- LBM must comply with recordkeeping requirements.
 - They must maintain records for 12 months of bird pickups and deliveries.
 - Records must include
 - Copies of test certification
 - Dates of pickup and delivery
 - Locations of birds
 - Species of birds
 - Number of birds
 - Farm premise identification number
 - Cleaning & disinfecting of premises and/or conveyances
 - Distributor license number

- Documented biosecurity protocols must be in place.
- All conveyance and coops must undergo C&D between uses.
- LBM are subjected to random inspections by State or Federal officials in which they are located. These random inspections are conducted at least quarterly.
 - Specimens may be collected from
 - Environment within LBM
 - Swabs of birds on arrival
 - Conveyances and crates
 - Swabs or tissues from sick and dead birds detected in LBM.
- LBM shall not transport birds directly away from a production unit, wholesaler, or auction in Virginia unless licensed as a distribution unit in Virginia.
- LBM shall slaughter and process the birds before the birds leave the LBM, unless otherwise noted in the biosecurity protocol.
- LBM will undergo quarterly closures that include complete bird removal and C&D with a minimum of 24 hours downtime.
 - The facility must be inspected and approved by the state veterinarian before reopening.
- All poultry waste from LBM must be placed in leak-proof bags or other approved containers, sealed, and disposed of daily through procedures acceptable to the local jurisdiction of LBM.
- If the State Veterinarian determines a licensed LBM no longer meets the requirements their license shall be suspended until deficiencies have been corrected.

If a facility tests Positive for AI

- LBM that test positive by RRT-PCR or virus isolation at an approved laboratory will undergo complete closure, depopulation of any birds on premise, followed by C&D.
- Environmental samples may be taken.
- Any specimen testing positive at an approved laboratory will be submitted to NVSL for virus isolation. Furthermore, the premise will be depopulated on the basis of original test results and will not await results from NVSL.
- LBM that fail biosecurity inspections and/or are positive on a quarterly testing will undergo monthly inspections and testing until there have been 3 consecutive months of negative testing, at that time quarterly inspections will resume.
- Before reopening the LBM must be inspected by the state veterinarian
 - Environmental samples will be taken at this time
 - If samples test positive for AI the LBM will close again, perform C&D within 24 hours of depopulation, be inspected and retested.
- When positive birds are found in the LBMs an investigation may be required. This may require use of distributor records to complete traceouts to determine where the positives occurred in the LBMs.