

Subpart E

Hobbyist and exhibition waterfowl, exhibition poultry, and game bird breeding flocks and products.

To participate in the NPIP program the following is a basic guideline and specific rules and regulations in the NPIP Booklet must be followed.

1. Participants need to fill out a 9-5 application for membership
2. Participants need to decide what programs they wish to enroll in and which programs are suitable for their enterprise.
 - a. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean (Required):
 - i. Option 1 – Submitting blood to the lab for testing. All adult birds (4 months and older) in the flock must be blood tested up to a maximum of 300 birds, with a representative sample from each pen. You can either utilize the Certified Pullorum Testers, draw the blood yourself or hire a veterinarian, then submit the blood to our lab for testing. VDACS will supply you with the blood tubes and instructions on how to submit the samples. Each sample will cost \$0.85 to process plus a \$2.00 accession fee and a \$12 charge to cover blood tubes, shipping and return shipping supplies. Birds must be tested **every 12 months**.
 - ii. Option 2 – Utilize Certified Pullorum Testers. Participants can call the NPIP representative to locate a lay tester in their county. The cost for bleeding is done on a fee basis by tester. The tester will come to your farm and perform a field test. All birds over 4 months of age up to a maximum of 300 will be tested. If you call a tester and they do not have antigen on hand, please let me know as we do have antigen in stock. Again, birds must be tested **every 12 months**
 - b. Avian Influenza Clean (optional):
 - i. Option 1 – Eggs. Submit 30 eggs to the Harrisonburg Lab for testing. If you have less than 30 hens, please submit the number of eggs for the number

of adult laying hens you have. Try to get a representative sample from each species and group. Testing must be completed every **6 months**. There is no charge for the test. Be sure to include a submission form with your eggs.

- ii. Option 2 – Oral pharyngeal Swabs. A VDACS employee can visit your farm to collect oral swabs for AI testing. Due to time restraints, this is done on a case by case basis. Testing must be completed every **6 months**. There is no charge for the test.
 - c. Mycoplasma Gallisepticum (optional): All birds (over 4 months) in flock with a maximum of 300 must be tested for an initial test. After the initial test you must maintain 30 birds must be blood tested every **90 days**. Producer is responsible for blood collection and the \$1.15 per sample plus \$2.00 accession fee testing cost. M.G. testing can also be completed by oral-pharyngeal swabs. Each sample will pool up to five birds and cost \$25.65 per sample plus \$2.00 accession fee. Please contact Kymberly for more information.
 - d. Mycoplasma Synoviae (optional): Same as M.G. testing.
3. All the above testing requirements are for multiplier breeding flocks.
 - a. There are additional requirements for Primary breeding flocks.
 4. Once enrolled in NPIP, participants are required to maintain testing.
 5. There is no cost to be a member of NPIP, other than cost associated with testing.
 6. NPIP participants are required to only buy from other NPIP participants to maintain a “clean” status.
 - a. Producers shall not comingle birds from non-NPIP flocks.
 - b. The NPIP representative can provide a list of NPIP certified flocks.

Once you are ready to enroll in the program, submit your NPIP Application **AND** 9-2 Form (Salmonella Pullorum test paper) to Kymberly at the contact information below. Both documents are required to enroll in the program. Other optional certifications can be added at any time.

Questions???

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