

Live Bird Market System (LBMS) Checklist for Distribution Units 2011

Distribution Units (dealers, haulers, the live haul process, auction markets, and wholesalers)

- 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 distributor will be assigned a Premise ID if they do not already have one.
- VDACS officials will conduct an initial inspection and approval of the facility, its record keeping system, and the C&D of its equipment. Subsequent inspections will be conducted on a quarterly basis.
- Distributors must agree to comply with Virginia's Avian Influenza Proclamation and animal admission regulations.
- 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 training protocol to be followed.
- Distributors may only accept qualified birds from AI test-negative flocks that are identified and documented in accordance with Virginia state standards.
- Distributors must provide documentation and certification of negative test results from the source flock with each delivery of birds.
- Distributors 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 vehicles, bird holding devices, and any premises where birds may be held must be clean and sanitary at all times.
- Documented biosecurity protocols must be in place.

- Distributors must use all-season crate (ie. plastic) and conveyance washing equipment and have present C&D documentation.
- All conveyance and coops must undergo C&D between deliveries, including trucks/vehicles.
- Before the distributor returns to the farm after visiting the LBM, all cages, vehicles, and other equipment must undergo C&D.
- Distributors may not transport live birds or other live animals away from LBMs.
- Distributors are subjected to random inspections by State or Federal officials in which they are located. These random inspections are conducted at least quarterly to ensure that conveyances, crates, and facilities are clean and sanitary and proper records are being kept.
- Distributors will be tested at least quarterly for LPAI virus. Testing will/may include facility environment, conveyances, crates, and birds.

If a facility tests Positive for AI

- Distributors that test positive by RRT-PCR or virus isolation at an approved laboratory will undergo 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.
- Distributors 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.
- 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.