

# Live Bird Market System (LBMS) Checklist for Production Units 2011

Production Units: Farms/premises where poultry is produced/housed for the Live Bird Market system.

- 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 producer 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.
- Producers must agree to comply with Virginia's Avian Influenza Proclamation and animal admission regulations.
- All personnel (flock/farm managers) that work for the company must be trained in biosecurity by State/Federal personnel or by a trained company representative.
  - There is a set training protocol to be followed.
- Testing requirements:
  - All birds provided to the distributor or directly to the LBM must originate from a flock that has tested negative 14 days prior to movement.
  - Premise id must accompany the flock in shipment.
- Samples for testing may be collected by certified poultry technicians, State or Federal animal health technicians, or veterinary medical officers, or accredited veterinarians.
- Samples for testing may be collected by certified poultry technicians (CPTs), State or Federal animal health technicians or veterinary medical officers, or accredited veterinarians.

- Flock test records, as well as records of bird transfers, must be maintained for 12 months. A copy of the form to be used may be obtained from the AVIC or State Veterinarian.
- Birds loaded for transportation to a distributor must be identified by premises of origin and must contain an appropriate date or lot number that will distinguish this shipment from others. This information must be recorded on the test certificate that will be provided to the distributor.
- Birds from production units may not be transported by a flock owner or manager directly to the LBMs for sale unless the flock owner or manager also is registered as a distributor, with the necessary State approval for protocols and equipment to ensure effective C&D of conveyances and equipment.
- Producers must notify the State Veterinarian of dates and times of scheduled pickups by distribution units within 48 hours of pickup.
- Production unit facilities, conveyances, bird holding devices, and other equipment must be clean and sanitary at all times.
- Biosecurity protocols must be developed by the producer and be in place in all production units on the premises.
- Producers must have approved equipment available for C&D of premises, conveyances, and crates.
  - They must maintain records of downtime and C&D.
- Premises may be subjected to random inspections by State and Federal animal health officials to ensure that premises, conveyances, and coops are clean and sanitary.
  - Inspections performed at least quarterly.
- Random samples may be collected for virus identification from birds or environment at the time of inspection.
- Records will be reviewed during site inspections.

#### Flocks that Test Positive

- Premises with birds that test positive on serology at an approved laboratory will be quarantined according to State authority while results are being confirmed.
- Seropositive flocks must be quarantined and tested using a virus-detection procedure, ie. RRT-PCR, Virus Isolation
- Premises that have results confirmed as positive for H5 or H7 LPAI virus:
  - required to depopulate and undergo C&D by production unit personnel.
  - the premises must then be inspected and tested by virus detection.
  - a negative environmental test result is required before restocking
- Premises positive on AGID but negative for H5 and H7 will not be considered positive by these Program standards, but will be subject to State protocols.

- Positive H5 or H7 LPAI virus isolation or RRT-PCR test results, confirmed at the NVSL, will result in quarantine of the premises, depopulation, and C&D.