Procedure to Follow for 2017-2018 ChickQuest Programs

To implement ChickQuest programs, please follow the guidelines as outlined below.

(1) ALL eggs must come from Ohio National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) hatcheries or flocks prior to being set. This means that when fertilized eggs are purchased or obtained there must be accompanying paperwork from the seller. This paperwork is typically VS Form 9-3 (provided by hatcheries and individuals who sell eggs and birds), but could be VS Form 9-2 (the form given to the owner by the individual testing the flock). Teachers must keep this copy in their classrooms. The two Classifications on the forms that must be check marked are Pullorum Typhoid Clean and Avian Influenza Monitored (others can also be marked, but these two must be). Enlarge this document to better see the required check marks.

VS Form 9-3

(2) Many eggs used in ChickQuest programs come from backyard or small flock owners who typically do not sell eggs and/or birds. Prior to getting the eggs make sure the flock has been tested and the owner is a current participant in NPIP. They will have a current NPIP card similar to the one below and a VS Form 9-2.

VS Form 9-2

The person getting these eggs must get a copy of the owner’s VS Form 9-2. If they do not have a VS Form 9-3, they must get a “shipping list” from the owner which includes the number of eggs and the breed(s). They may also ask for a copy of the owner’s NPIP Participant card, but it is not required.
Procedure to Follow if Ban on Live Poultry due to Disease Outbreak is Imposed During Incubation

(1) If a ban is imposed while the eggs are incubating continue the process, and once the chicks hatch they ALL must go to one location (farm, property, premise). If there are poultry at that location the owner must be an NPIP participant and the flock must be avian influenza monitored.

Documentation Procedure to Follow for Disbursement of Chicks in All Circumstances

(1) Teachers MUST provide a copy of either VS Form 9-3 or VS Form 9-2 (whichever they have) to each person taking chicks home or to the property owner where the chicks will be housed.

(2) Teachers MUST keep a list of who receives the birds, including each person’s name, address, phone number, parent (if under 18), and number of chicks, breed, sex (if known) and age. This information is to be kept in their files for the purpose of traceability in the event of an incident. It is recommended that this documentation be kept for 3 years.

General Information

(1) When chicks go to a property where there are other poultry the owners should quarantine these chicks (kept separate from rest of flock) for a minimum of 21 days (as the incubation period for avian influenza and several other diseases is 7-21 days) before being co-mingled with other birds.

Questions?

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