



Pullorum Testing Common Questions and Answers

Q: Can I test my own birds?

A: Yes. It is recommended you find another tester when possible, but we understand that may not be an option. Please keep in mind all positive Pullorum tests must be reported under state law.

Q: Can I charge to test?

A: Yes. We ask you keep the fee at a reasonable amount, such as \$1-\$2 per bird.

Q: Please explain the different ways to prove Pullorum Clean status?

A: All birds taken to an exhibition or show are required to show proof of Pullorum Clean status. There are 4 ways for an exhibitor to demonstrate Pullorum Clean.

- 1) **Testing only the birds going to Exhibition, show or swap.** Proof of that test is demonstrated with a completed NPIP 9-2 form and good for 90 days from the date of the test.
- 2) **A pullorum flock test, where a random sampling of up to 30 birds from an entire flock are tested.** Proof of a flock test is demonstrated with a completed NPIP 9-2 form with "FLOCK TEST" printed clearly at the top and is good for 1 year from the date of test.
- 3) **Purchase from an NPIP hatchery.** Birds should be accompanied by an VS 9-3 form. That form is good for 1 year from the date of purchase.
- 4) **NPIP tested and certified flock.** This proof of Pullorum Clean status is demonstrated via an Ohio Poultry Association issued NPIP card and is good for one year from the date of the test.

****All examples above are only valid if no commingling has occurred with non-tested birds. Bird must be at least 4 months of age to be tested.**

Q: How do I get my flock NPIP tested?

A: The NPIP program is designed for flock owners attending out of state shows and/or selling poultry across state lines. Space on Ohio's NPIP program is limited. Please visit www.ohiopoultry.org for more information and to fill out the NPIP request form.

Q: Can birds be tested when arriving at the fair/show?

A: Yes. Please keep the testing area and the non-tested birds separated until a Negative Pullorum test is confirmed. Proper Biosecurity is key to ensure no commingling occurs.

If you or someone you know has high unexplained/abnormal mortality or expects disease contact Ohio Poultry Association: (614) 882-6111 or ODA: (614) 728-6220 Or After Hours (888) 456-3405.