



Arizona Department of Agriculture

Animal Services Division

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Dear Poultry Owner,

The National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) of Arizona is now available as a voluntary program for hobbyists, exhibition and game bird breeding flocks and products under Part 145 Subpart E-Special Provisions. <http://www.poultryimprovement.org/documents/ProgramStandardsAugust2014.pdf>

Any person selling hatching eggs, day-old chicks, or older birds from farms/hatcheries may participate in the NPIP program. Any person moving hatching eggs, babies, or older birds across state lines, may be required to become NPIP Certified in order to meet the other state's entry requirements and the new Federal Interstate Movement Law requirements.

NPIP is about disease monitoring, sanitation and record keeping. As a NPIP Certified participant, your breeder birds will need to be tested for Pullorum-Typhoid every year, Avian Influenza (AI) as deemed necessary, and premises inspection every year. The tested birds will be given state approved leg bands. Movement of birds will be with official movement documents.

Any person "simply" selling birds that they have raised from chicks does not need to participate in the NPIP program if they are not breeding birds to produce eggs or chicks for sale. Any person raising birds solely for personal use, participation in NPIP is unnecessary. NPIP is not for doves or pigeons.

Activities that qualify for NPIP participation are:

- a. Breeder birds that are laying fertile eggs and there will be sales of the hatching eggs
- b. or hatching those eggs and selling the chicks.
- c. If there are no breeder birds, but fertile eggs are purchased, hatched and sold as chicks.

Participation in NPIP is completely **voluntary**, Arizona does not require you to participate. Please check our website at www.agriculture.az.gov for information and forms or contact Cyndi Hilgen at 602-542-4293 or chilgen@azda.gov.

Very Respectfully,

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AZ NPIP Breeder Flock Program, Subpart E:

Why Should I Be NPIP Certified?

- Sell hatching eggs, day-old chicks, or older birds your farm/hatchery
- Moving hatching eggs, babies, or older birds across state lines,
- Certified in order to meet the destination state's entry requirements and the 2013 Federal Interstate Movement Law requirements.

What will be required of me?

- Breeder birds annually tested for Pullorum-Typhoid
- Testing of new birds
- Certification to test birds, reexamined annually
- Avian Influenza (AI) under random selection process as needed by ADA
- Annual inspection of premises to include pens, equipment and bio-security
- NPIP records maintenance
- Obtain Premises ID

What kind of operations can qualify?

- Sales of the hatching eggs from breeder birds
- Selling the chicks hatched from your flock
- Fertile eggs are purchased, hatched and sold as chicks.
- Personal use birds need not apply
- Non-commercial operations

What is required once I am certified?

- 100% of birds test pullorum-typhoid clean initially (includes all poultry-type birds on premises)
- 100% of breeders and setters tested annually
- 100% of new introductions tested
- Tested birds are banded
- NPIP movement forms (9-3)
- Maintenance and annual inspections of premises within guidelines of NPIP agreement
- Complete records of flock and biosecurity to be inspected annually
- Submission of appropriate forms to Department of Agriculture
- Annual renewal of participation and certification of testing

"The key to everything is patience. You get the chicken by hatching the egg, not by smashing it." Arnold H. Glasow

DEFINITIONS

Arizona Department of Agriculture (ADA): Employees, and/or designees who perform testing and inspections necessary to verify compliance with requirements of AZ NPIP.

Brooder room: A heated area or enclosure for raising young fowl.

Exhibition Poultry: Domesticated fowl which are bred for the combined purposes of meat or egg production or competitive showing

Fun birds/Misc.: Domesticated fowl that are companions co-mingling with the flock that would otherwise be exempt from NPIP.

Game birds: Domesticated fowl such as pheasants, partridge, quail, grouse and guineas. Doves and pigeons are not included

Nest run eggs: Eggs which are unwashed, ungraded and unmarked as to grade and size.

Premises: The geographical location at which the individual bird(s) reside.

Setter: A chicken or breed of chickens that has a tendency or desire to incubate a batch of fertilized eggs.

Subpart E: Special provisions for Hobbyist and Exhibition Waterfowl, Exhibition Poultry and Game Bird Breeding Flocks and products participating in NPIP.

Waterfowl: Domesticated fowl that normally swim such as ducks and geese

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NPIP Guidelines

1. AZ NPIP organization

- a. NPIP Official State Agent (OSA) is under Arizona Department of Agriculture (ADA), Animal Services Division (ASD) in Phoenix, AZ.
- b. There is no NPIP Authorized Laboratory in the state.

2. AZ NPIP Authorized Testing Agents Non-Commercial

- a. AZ private NPIP Testers:
 - i. Flock owners are allowed to Pullorum-Typhoid (PT) test their own flocks for annual follow-up testing only banding tested birds
 - ii. The private testers purchase their NPIP testing supplies. Private testers must buy the Pullorum-Typhoid antigen from the AZ OSA designated supplier. AZ leg bands must be obtained from the OSA.
 - iii. Those testing must "recertify" themselves as a tester annually by performing the test on maximum of 5 birds in front of the Arizona Department of Agriculture NPIP agent during the annual premises inspection.

3. AZ NPIP testing supplies:

- a. Testers/Owners purchase their supplies
 - i. Antigen
 - ii. Testing plate
 - iii. Testing bleeder loop (have several as they get dull)
- b. Leg bands- distributed by ADA for birds that can carry a band

4. NPIP testing-for Subpart E flocks:

- a. *Pullorum-Typhoid Clean testing:*
 - i. 100 % of premises birds tested initially and banded (if they can support a band)
 - ii. Purchase birds only from other NPIP participants or pursuant to Federal Regulations 9 CFR 145.4. *Non NPIP birds* shall remain isolated from flock for 3 days, pullorum tested and held in isolated area for a total of 30 days at which they must be tested again then introduced into flock.
 - iii. ADA will perform a NPIP inspection on the flock and bird housing/hatchery, records and biosecurity
 - iv. The premises must have an official National Premises ID number.
 - v. For the annual follow-up only the breeders, breeder replacements and any birds used as "setters" need to be tested- as long as the birds are kept separated from all the other birds. If the birds are all in one coop, then everyone gets tested annually.
 - vii. Certified flock owners are allowed to PT test their own flocks for annual follow-up testing only being recertified at each inspection visit by an ADA agent.
 - viii. See Arizona State Standards for Flock testing requirements

- b. *AI Clean testing:*
 - i. An AZ Category II accredited veterinarian samples all the breeders (up to 30 maximum) every 90 days at the flock owners expense.
 - ii. See Arizona State Standards for Flock testing requirements for details regarding what happens when a bird tests positive on the AI test.

- c. *Arizona State AI testing:*
 - i. Participants will be randomly selected based on geographic location, disease surveillance, epidemiological risk, etc.
 - ii. ADA samples birds at least 16 weeks of age, up to 30 maximum, based on random selection in 4.c.i. Federal funds as available will fund.
 - iii. See Arizona State Standards for Flock testing requirements, for details regarding what happens when a bird tests positive on the AI test.

5. AZ NPIP forms, cards

- a. For the Subpart E flocks:
 - i. Pullorum-Typhoid Testing Report- Form 9-3 or AZ SVO Form 5-2.
 - ii. NPIP Pullorum-Typhoid Clean card- ADA card issued annually upon completion of inspection visit
 - iv. Use the VS Form 9-3 - shipping product in compliance with requirements of destination state

6. Annual flock and hatchery requirements and inspections:

- a. For the Subpart E flocks:
 - i. ADA will perform annual inspection of flock, bird housing, hatchery and records.
 - ii. New birds added to the farm (breeding or fun birds) must be tested Pullorum-Typhoid negative before adding to the flock. Proof of Pullorum-Typhoid Clean status or testing must be kept as records and available for review at the annual inspection.
 - iii. Poultry equipment, poultry houses/pens and the land in the immediate vicinity shall be kept in sanitary condition. The participating flock (tested breeder birds) their eggs and all equipment used in connection with the breeder flock shall be separated from non-participating flocks. *Isolated areas* must be a separate structure from flock not sharing water, food or fencing.
 - iv. All flocks shall consist of healthy, normal individuals, characteristic of the breed, variety, cross or other combination, which they are stated to represent.
 - v. Hatcheries, including brooder rooms, shall be kept in sanitary condition: (1) Entire hatchery shall be kept in a neat, orderly condition and free from accumulated dust; (2) Incubator walls, floors and trays shall be kept free from debris such as broken eggs and eggshells; (3) Hatchers and trays shall be cleaned and disinfected after each hatch. Hatchery residue (eggshells, pips, etc.) shall be disposed of promptly and in a manner satisfactory to the ADA inspector; (4) Tops of incubators and hatchers shall be kept clean (not used for storage); (5) No birds or other animals are allowed in the incubator/hatcher rooms (no birds held or brooded in the same room as the machines).
 - vi. All poultry offered for sale shall be normal and typical of the breed, variety or

cross. Hatching eggs shall be sound in shell and typical for the breed, variety or cross.

- vii. Records, which include name and address, date of purchases and sales of birds or hatching eggs shall be maintained and will be subject to review by the ADA inspector.
- viii. ADA will fill out Form AZ SVO 5-2 for annual inspections. If the flock owner is also a NPIP tester and has already Pullorum Clean tested their breeders before ADA visit, then they must keep back 5 birds maximum to test in front of ADA in order to be certified or recertified as a tester.

7. Some AZ and Federal laws on raising poultry

- a. Within city limits- contact Animal Control or City Hall of your city for laws concerning raising and selling poultry.
- b. All livestock, poultry, and equines crossing state lines (interstate movement) must have an official document and official individual identification per the Federal Interstate Movement Law 2013.
- c. Arizona entry requirements for poultry are that the poultry must appear healthy, do not originate from a poultry quarantined area comply with Federal interstate movement laws and are accompanied by a health certificate or Form 9-3 from NPIP.
- d. If you are producing poultry for eggs or meat for personal consumption (home consumption) NPIP participation is unnecessary.
- e. Selling AZ-origin unfertile unwashed ungraded eggs for human consumption requires registration as a Nest Run Egg Producer. For more information call 602-466-0086 or 602-542-0884.
- f. Nest run eggs may **not** be advertised or sold as "fresh eggs" or "local eggs" because A.R.S. 3-724 requires that eggs marked as fresh or local meet the requirement of Grade A or higher. Nest run eggs cannot meet this requirement because they are not graded.
- g. Selling poultry meat from farm directly to the end consumer- can be done without inspection pursuant to the poultry exemptions. Call AZ Meat and Poultry Inspection for requirements and exemptions- 602-542-6398.

8. Shipping Lives Guide in Arizona

- a. Check with couriers for regulations, approved containers and costs.
- b. The United States Postal Service (USPS) does not ship lives on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or Holidays.
- c. USPS does not ship lives if the temperature is over 85 degrees or below 37 degrees for any leg of the trip.
- d. USPS can only accept adult birds as Express Mail. Day-old chicks and eggs may be sent priority mail if delivery can be made within 3 days.

9. Charges for the Program:

- a. Initial testing will be done by an ADA agent with flock owners supplies
- b. Certification, NPIP forms and leg bands are supplied by the ADA

Getting Started

- _____ Complete and return AZ SVO Form 3-5 – Animal Disease Traceability*
- _____ Complete and return AZ SVO Form 3-4 – Memo of Participation*
- _____ Order PT testing supplies.
- _____ Schedule initial testing with ADA Agent 602-542-4293 for appointment.

****Must be completed prior to ordering PT testing supplies and scheduling appointment.***

On your Initial Visit

- _____ Premises ready for inspection
- _____ All birds contained for easy capture
- _____ All records available for inspection

Flock owners must be present for all visits by the ADA.

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National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) Flock Testing Requirements

Instructions for Authorized Agents for Blood Collection



Federal and Arizona State Standards

All NPIP participants are required to have flocks that are classified as U.S. *Salmonella pullorum/typhoid* (P-T) Clean.

Only NPIP flocks that meet the standards for Avian Influenza (AI) Clean will receive 100% indemnity in the event of an avian influenza outbreak.

Flock Requirements to meet P-T Clean Classification:

- Flocks must be officially tested every *12 months* with no laboratory confirmed reactors.
- 100% Flock test to qualify for Pullorum-Typhoid Clean Breeder Status - *all poultry on premises, no age restriction*
- Annual Follow-up Breeder Flock test to retain Pullorum-Typhoid Clean Breeder Status
- 100% breeding stock tested, including setters up to 300 birds.
- P-T testing in chickens, turkeys, and game birds:
 - The male and female ration of tested birds must be the same as the male and female ratio of birds that are in the flock.
- All pens must be proportionately represented

Antibiotics must not be given to poultry for 3 weeks prior to testing.

1. Bird species required to be P-T tested:

- Chickens
- Turkeys
- Game birds and exotic poultry

2. Bird species NOT required to be P-T tested:

- Waterfowl (ducks, geese, and swans): *exempt* from P-T testing
- Pigeons: not included in the NPIP program and are exempt from all testing

3. Age requirements at the time of P-T testing:

- Chickens and turkeys are required to be at least *16 weeks* of age to be officially tested
- Game birds may be tested when 4 months of age or upon reaching sexual maturity.

Flock Requirements to meet AI Clean Classification:



- Flocks must be officially tested every *90 days* with no laboratory confirmed reactors.
- Required number of birds for AI testing: 30 max
- Regardless of the total number of birds in the flock

1. Age requirements at the time of AI Clean testing:

- All poultry must be at least *16 weeks* of age to be officially tested.

2. Bird species required to be AI Clean tested:

- Chickens
- Turkeys
- Game birds and exotic poultry
 - Pheasants
 - Guinea Fowl
 - Quail
 - Other Partridge
 - Pea Fowl
 - Chukar Partridge
- Water Fowl
 - Ducks
 - Swans
 - Geese

3. Bird species NOT required to be AI Clean tested:

- Pigeons: not included in the NPIP program and are exempt from all testing

4. AI Clean testing in all poultry species:

- The proportion of male and female birds tested must be the same as the proportion of male and female birds that are in the flock.
- All pens should be proportionately represented.

5. AI State testing to meet Arizona NPIP flock requirements

- Flocks will be randomly selected for AI testing based upon geographic location, disease surveillance, epidemiological risk, etc.
- Required number of birds for AI testing: 30 max
- Regardless of the total number of birds in the flock

6. Age requirements at the time of AI State testing:

- All poultry must be at least *16 weeks* of age to be officially tested.

Birds positive to the P-T field plate screening test

1. Call the office 602-542-4293 if there is a field plate screening test positive.
 - a. Pullorum-Typhoid is a Reportable Animal Disease to the State Veterinarian's Office.
2. If a bird has a positive test to the field plate screening test or the lab test, the bird is called a reactor.
 - a. These screening tests do not confirm the bird is or has been infected with the Salmonella Pullorum or Fowl Typhoid, it is only a screening test for antibodies (proteins) in the blood which may be past exposure to these 2 diseases. Sometimes other types of Salmonella bacteria, other diseases, or other proteins in the blood cause this test to react, what we call "false positive" reactors.
3. For any positive plate screening tests, all birds are put under quarantine so that no birds can leave the home premises until we find out if the birds have the disease or not until further testing is complete.
4. ADA personnel will take blood from the reactor bird(s) and a more specific lab test is performed. This is **not** at the flock owners' expense.
5. Positive Lab test either: 1) the reactor bird is euthanized and the internal and reproduction organs are cultured looking for Salmonella pullorum or Salmonella typhoid bacteria. Cultures negative, then the quarantine is released and the flock is certified as Clean or negative. 2) The 2nd option is to wait 30 days and redo the lab blood test-this is in case it is not Pullorum- Typhoid, but something else causing the reaction, and giving the bird extra time to clear the non-Pullorum-typhoid proteins out of the blood. If the 2nd lab blood test is positive again, then the reactor bird will be euthanized and sampled for internal organ/reproduction salmonella cultures.
6. If the cultures grow Salmonella Pullorum or Typhoid bacteria, then that is the confirmation test. A quarantine is placed on the premises and testing of all of the birds on the premises will continue every 30 days until all birds test negative for 3 monthly tests in a row or all birds are voluntarily depopulated, depending upon the situation. It must be assured that the infected birds or contaminated equipment did not spread to the other birds in the flock or to other farms.

Birds positive to the Avian Influenza (AI) test

Avian influenza is a Reportable Animal Disease to the State Veterinarian's Office.

1. If a bird has a positive blood test (which looks for antibodies to AI or past exposure to AI) or if a bird has a positive PCR swab test (which looks for current infection-actual genetic pieces of the virus) -further testing must be done to confirm the test.
2. All birds are put under quarantine so that no birds can leave the premises until ADA determines if the birds have the disease or not. More blood and swabs may be collected from other birds.
3. The positive blood and/or PCR tests are sent to the USDA laboratory in Ames, IA. USDA will confirm the test- if it is AI positive or negative – and they will do further testing to determine what type of AI it is (H7N2, H5N2, etc.) and if it is Low-Path (mild version) or High-Path (severe form) of AI.
4. If USDA cannot confirm the tests are positive for AI, the quarantine is released.
5. If USDA confirms the tests are positive for **AI**- then it depends on the subtype of the AI virus infection, if it is Low-Path or High-Path, and if the flock is actively infected with AI or had a previous infection in the past. Essentially it is on a case- by- case basis on the outcome of the flock, whether it will be depopulated or not.

Risks associated with testing

1. Must allow for safety of ADA as well as maintain the bird's ability to breathe. Birds do not have diaphragms and require chest/abdominal expansion to breathe. Best to place birds in dorsal recumbency (on their backs) to afford the greatest ease of respiratory movement.
2. A bird's clotting system functions slowly in comparison to mammalian clotting systems. Following venipuncture, hold off the puncture site to prevent bruising.
3. Stress, shock, respiratory distress, heat, etc. are all potential known risks during procedures that may lead to injury and mortality.

**Arizona Department of Agriculture
Animal Disease Traceability Registration
(For all Arizona Livestock and Poultry owners)**



Business/Farm Information:

Business/Farm Name: _____

Primary Contact: _____

(Premises Owner) First Name Middle name Last name

Secondary Contact*: _____

(optional) First Name Middle name Last name*

Business/Farm mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____ County: _____

Phone number: _____ - _____ - _____ ext: _____ (Business Home Cell Fax Pager)

Phone number: _____ - _____ - _____ ext: _____ (Business Home Cell Fax Pager)

Phone number: _____ - _____ - _____ ext: _____ (Business Home Cell Fax Pager)

Business Type*: Individual Partnership Incorporated Limited Liability Corporation

(check one)* Limited Liability Partnership Non-profit Organization

*Operation Type— (Choose All That Apply to the Entire Business)

<input type="checkbox"/> Production Unit Farm, Ranch, Flock, Feedlot, Hunting, lease hobby Farm, etc	<input type="checkbox"/> Exhibition Animal Show or Exhibition (e.g. State Fair, National show, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Non- Producer Participant Records animal info and has no association with the animals. E.g. AIN Manager.	<input type="checkbox"/> Rendering Location where animals that died at the farm or in transit are processed.
<input type="checkbox"/> Clinic Location where animals are examined or treated by a veterinarian.	<input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory Location where animals are terminated and carcasses are examined	<input type="checkbox"/> Port of Entry Location where animals are allowed to enter 'into the United States.	<input type="checkbox"/> Slaughter Plant Location where animals are terminated for consumption
<input type="checkbox"/> Tagging Site Location where animals are tagged with an official USDA-approved ID device	<input type="checkbox"/> Market/ Collection Point Livestock market/auction or collection point where animals are sold.	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarantine Facility Location where animals are quarantined.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Business/Farm Login information (user profile):

E-mail address*: _____

*(*for confirmation of registration only)*

Producer/Contact Signature*: _____

Authorized Agent*:

(to be completed by authorized agents only)*

Agent Name: _____ Date: _____

Agent Organization: _____

Premises Information:

(Primary location where livestock/poultry resides; if you have more than one location and animals are managed separately, you may apply for multiple premises identification numbers)

Premises name/description: _____ (example "home place", "heifer place")

Premises Address: Check if same as business/farm mailing address

OR (if not the same as business/farm mailing address)

Premises Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____ County: _____

Premises Type*: Producer Unit/Farm Clinic Exhibition Laboratory Market/collection point

(* check all that apply) Non-producer Participant Port of Entry Quarantine Facility Rendering

Slaughter plant Tagging site

Species at Premises*: Cattle and Bison Swine Sheep Goats Horses Poultry

(* check all that apply) Deer and Elk Llama Emu

Legal Land Description*: _____

(* required if no premises address) Township Range Section

GEO or GPS Coordinates*: Latitude: _____ Longitude: - _____

(* Optional)

If mail is not routinely delivered to the Premises Address, please give driving directions from the closest main intersection.

From the intersection of _____ and _____

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AZ Brand Number _____

For More Information Call 602-542-0943

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**MEMORANDUM OF PARTICIPATION
NATIONAL POULTRY IMPROVEMENT [NPIP]**

The Arizona Department of Agriculture (ADA) in conjunction with the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides for participation by Arizona producers in the NPIP.

Name of Participating Flock Owner: _____

Mailing address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Telephone/Fax: _____

Location: _____

- I. ADA agrees:
 - 1. To perform inspection and administrative work in compliance with NPIP.
- II. The participating flock owner agrees:
 - 1. To fulfill and maintain all requirements for membership and participation in the NPIP.
 - 2. To record, maintain, and make available to ADA all records as required, and to submit white copies of VS Form 9-2 promptly to the ADA.
 - 3. Annual inspections, audits and re-certifications.

Acceptance and compliance with NPIP will allow participating flock owner to use prefix "US" in connection with other official terms in describing, advertising, and selling hatching eggs, young birds, and breeding stock that meet the breeding stage and pullorum class of the operation.

- III. Cancellation of agreement: this agreement is voluntary and shall be renewed annually by anniversary date of each year, but may be canceled:
 - 1. By the member upon written notice to the Office stating intention to withdraw from participation in the NPIP.
 - 2. By the Office at any time upon written notice to the member for violation of regulations.

In case of cancellation or termination of this agreement, the member agrees to forfeit all rights and benefits of membership with the Office and participation in the NPIP.

Participating Flock Owner _____ Date: _____

Office of the State Veterinarian _____ Effective Date: _____