



## Guidance Document

### For National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) Participants in Nebraska

#### Why participate:

- \*Invest in poultry that have been tested clean of certain diseases or that have been produced under disease-prevention conditions.
- \*NPIP membership aids poultry sales & movement across state lines.
- \*Facilitates the use of standard terminology for disease classifications.
- \*Obtain Program recognition via listing flock on USDA website.
- \*Required to qualify for indemnity.

#### Where do we start:

- \*The Participating Agreement (PA) is between the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA), Animal and Plant Health Protection, (APHP) aka the "Official State Agency" (OSA) and the Participant.
- \*The OSA is responsible for the administration, supervision, and operation of the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) in Nebraska.
- \*The NPIP is part of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS).
- \*The USDA/APHIS/VS poultry regulations are accessible at: <http://poultryimprovement.org>.

#### The Official State Agency Agrees (OSA):

- \*To assume responsibility for obtaining the compliance of the Participant with all applicable provisions of the NPIP.
- \*To direct and supervise work relative to testing for pullorum-typhoid disease and other hatchery disseminated diseases as provided for in the NPIP.
- \*To report upon detection to the NPIP, any member or members of the poultry industry participating in but not complying with all the provisions of the NPIP.
- \*To permit the use of official terminology and classification in describing, advertising, and selling hatching eggs, chicks, poults, waterfowl, game birds, and breeding stock of the various classes, when attained and when satisfied that all rules and regulations of the NPIP have been complied with by the Participant.

#### The Participant Agrees:

- \*To comply with all the rules and regulations of the NPIP in Nebraska, provisions of which are contained in Title 9, Chapter 1 of the Code of Federal Regulations Sections 145, 146, 147, and 56; and the Animal Health and Disease Control Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§54-2901 to 2957, and the regulations adopted and promulgated thereto. Specifically, Participant agrees to:
  - \*Test appropriate number of breeders for Salmonella pullorum and typhoid in accordance with existing regulations, as adopted from NPIP and Auxiliary Provisions.

- \*Obtain VS FORM 9-3 or the equivalent on all hatching eggs, chicks, poults, waterfowl, game birds, or breeding stock purchased.
- \*Identify products, if desired, with official labels or tags describing products that have met all the specific requirements of such classifications as specified under 9 C.F.R. §1 45.10.
- \*Have disease classification tests done by an approved NPIP tester.
- \*Submit VS FORM 9-2 promptly and no later than 10 days after the flock has been selected and tested. Reports submitted after this date may not be considered as a qualifying test.
- \*Keep the facilities and all equipment in strict sanitary conditions at all times.
- \*Permit official inspection of all poultry facilities used by the participant.

**Fees covering NPIP participants shall be as follows:**

- \*There is currently no schedule of fees. Participant will be obligated for revised dues or fees, when duly notified of change by letter or memorandum from the Official State Agency.

**Revocation:**

- \*It is mutually understood that this Agreement may be revoked by the Official State Agency for violation of NPIP rules and regulations. In case of revocation, the dealer, owner, or manager agrees to forfeit all rights and benefits of participating in the NPIP.

**Forms for the Participant use:**

- \*VS Form 9-3 requirements for shipping poultry:
  - \*The state of destination's import requirements need to be met
  - \*The form is only issued to NPIP participants - need to return unused forms to OSA when no longer a member
  - \*To fill in VS Form 9-3:
    - \*The form is issued with one signature of state inspector
    - \*Completely fill out all items as the shipper including any needed remarks
    - \*Completed by producer or shipper
    - \*One copy as indicated accompanies the shipment
    - \*One copy as indicated is the shippers copy
    - \*Other copies should be sent promptly to the OSA
- \*VS Form 9-3 Database Access:
  - \*Need username and password
  - \*The state of destination's import requirements need to be met

**Steps to take to participate:**

- \*Test flock for PT annually (only mandated disease testing required). If wish for other classifications, contact OSA.
- \*Complete the PA annually and submit to OSA
- \*Maintain housing and surrounding areas in a sanitary manner
- \*Maintain good biosecurity for premises
- \*Keep records of all purchases and sales
- \*Be available for an inspection

\*Must not purchase product from non-participants of the same disease classification

\*No comingling of tested and non-tested flocks

By signing the PA, I acknowledge to abide by the provision of the NPIP which can be found at: <http://poultryimprovement.org/documents/AuxiliaryProvision.pdf>

and the Animal Health and Disease Control Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§54-2901 to 2957

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/avian/avian-influenza/hpai-2022/2022-hpai-commercial-backyard-flock>