

National Poultry Improvement Plan

The National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) is an industry-state-federal program for the improvement of poultry and poultry products. It establishes standards for the evaluation of poultry breeding stock and hatchery products with respect to freedom from hatchery-disseminated diseases. NPIP has active control programs for Salmonella, Mycoplasma and Avian Influenza.

Definition of Poultry

Poultry shall mean domesticated fowl, including: chickens, turkeys, ostriches, emus, rheas, cassowaries, waterfowl and gamebirds, except doves and pigeons, which are bred for the primary purpose of producing eggs or meat.



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**For more information about the
National Poultry Improvement Plan, visit:**
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Need more information about the NPIP Program in Nebraska? Contact the Nebraska Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Protection focus area.



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Who Should Participate in the NPIP Program in Nebraska?

A. Independent Flock Owners of Waterfowl, Exhibition Poultry and Gamebirds:

1. Independent breeding flocks that would like to participate in the NPIP Program are required to sign a participating agreement;
2. Will be tested for pullorum/typhoid annually at these rates:
 - Flock size 1-30 test all;
 - Flock size 31-300..... test 30;
 - Flock size >300 test 10% up to 300 maximum; and
3. Gamebirds are not addressed in the Nebraska Poultry Disease Control Act. They should be a NPIP participating flock if they are selling hatching eggs or birds interstate.

B. Hatcheries:

1. Must sign a participating agreement;
2. Will be inspected at least once per year; and
3. Affiliated flocks are required to test breeding stock for pullorum/typhoid at these rates:
 - Flock size 1-30 test all;
 - Flock size 31-300..... test 30;
 - Flock size >300 test 10% up to 300 maximum.

C. Dealers:

1. Must sign a participating agreement;
2. Will be inspected at least once annually;
3. Must obtain their poultry from NPIP participating flocks and hatcheries; and
4. Agree to keep accurate records of all poultry sold.

Importing Poultry into Nebraska

All hatching eggs and poultry less than eight weeks of age must:

1. Be accompanied by a VS Form 9-3;
2. Obtain a pre-assigned, Out-of-State Poultry Permit; and
3. Originate from NPIP participating flocks, hatcheries or dealers.

Poultry over eight weeks of age must:

1. Be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI);
2. Obtain a permit for entry; and
3. Originate from a NPIP participating flock or be individually tested, negative for pullorum/typhoid within 90 days of importation.



Exotic Animal Auction or Exchange Venue

1. All animals, except fish, amphibians and reptiles, coming into Nebraska, require a CVI.
2. All hatching eggs and poultry imported shall meet importation requirements prior to entry.
3. Nebraska-origin hatching eggs and poultry do not need to be tested to be sold within the state.



Exhibition and Sale of Poultry

The 2001 Nebraska Unicameral passed legislation that allowed for the revision of the Poultry Disease Control Regulations. The major changes in the statutes were to remove the requirement for a change of ownership test for poultry sold within the state and the requirement for all poultry to be tested prior to being exhibited. These two changes greatly reduced the testing requirements for Nebraska poultry producers.

To maintain our pullorum/typhoid-free status, the State must conduct a surveillance testing program. NDA's Animal and Plant Health Protection (APHP) focus area will conduct testing of poultry over four months of age at exhibitions. Poultry exempt from testing will be:

1. Poultry which have individual identification and have tested negative for pullorum/typhoid within 90 days of the exhibition; or
2. Poultry which comes directly from an NPIP participating flock to the exhibition and have proof of individual or flock test.