

June 16, 2016

Dear Poultry Exhibitors,

To qualify for the fair, all birds exhibited must be tested for two bacterial diseases, *Salmonella pullorum* and *Salmonella typhoid*. After testing negative for these two diseases, birds will qualify to show. Enclosed is a document that outlines what you will need to do in order to be in compliance with the new testing regulations.

Poultry Guidelines as stated in the State Fair Book:

National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) Poultry Testing Requirement

All poultry regardless of age going to shows and/or public exhibit, *excluding doves and pigeons*, must have a safe leg or wing band, **and**:

- Come from an NPIP certified *Salmonella pullorum*- *Salmonella typhoid* clean flock.

OR

- Have had a negative *Salmonella pullorum*-*Salmonella typhoid* test within 90 days prior to going to a show/exhibition.

Exhibitors must provide either a signed Poultry Exhibition Statement of Origin form **or** a VS 9-2 form **and** have the birds leg or wing banded before the time of entry on Wednesday. **Birds that have not been banded nor have the proper paperwork will not be allowed to stay on the fairgrounds or be shown at the fair.**

Amber Kielb, Certified Testing Agent, will be holding two testing dates in August that you can attend to have your poultry tested. All birds planned to show at the fair need to be tested in order to show. This testing is good for 90 days. Testing will be held at the Ransom County Fairgrounds in the sale arena of the Cattle Barn. Amber will contact you to schedule a date and time for mid-August. The fee schedule is on the Registration Form and will be paid at the site where the birds are tested.

Those interested in showing turkeys must make an appointment to have their bird tested 1 month prior to the fair. Turkey testing is a 30-day process compared to other poultry, where it only takes a few minutes.

There are a couple options you can follow when deciding how many birds you should test, depending on whether you want to be in compliance with the National Poultry Improvement Program (NPIP) or not. To decide what best suits you, look over the enclosed information to better understand the regulation.

After birds test negative, they will be banded, and a certificate will be given as proof that your bird has been tested. The birds will then need to be kept separate from the remainder of your flock once taken back home, up until fair time, to insure that they do not come in contact with other birds in your flock that may have the diseases. When bringing your bird to the fair, you will need to show your certificate as verification that your bird has tested negative in order to show.

Enclosed is the Poultry Testing Registration Form. Please write down the number of birds you plan on bringing to be tested. Please be very realistic when deciding how many birds you plan to bring as supplies used for the testing are limited. Payment is due at the time the birds are tested at the fairgrounds in August.

If you have any questions feel free to give our office a call.

Sincerely,

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