June 2019

Dear Poultry Exhibitors,

**Pullorum-Typhoid (P-T) testing has been Waived for 2019.**

As a result of the fact that Pullorum-Typhoid (P-T) antigen has been unavailable for a significant period of time, the cost of laboratory testing, and the fact that P-T has not recently been identified in North Dakota Poultry, the State Board of Animal Health voted to allow North Dakota birds to be exhibited without being tested for P-T. This waiver will remain in place through the end of the 2019 fair and show season, or until P-T antigen becomes available. Should P-T antigen become available, this waiver will end and all birds must be tested prior to exhibition.

**ALL birds exhibited MUST have a leg or wing band in order to show at the 2019 Ransom County Fair.**

The bands will only be used as a source of identification if they get loose or become ill and the bird needs to be tracked.

Leg or wing bands that are still on birds from the previous year will be accepted as a form of identification. Should you need to band your birds, Amber Kielb, Certified Testing Agent, will be available to band your poultry on August 15 at the Ransom County Fairgrounds. All birds planned to show at the fair must be banded in order to show. Amber will contact you to schedule a time. The fee schedule is on the Registration Form and will be paid at the site where the birds are banded. Individuals may also purchase bands for their birds from TSC, Runnings or Amazon if they choose.

Enclosed is the Poultry ID Banding Registration Form. Please write down the number of birds you plan on bringing to be banded. Please be very realistic when deciding how many birds you plan to bring as supplies used for the banding 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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