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Commissioner

Dear Flock Owner:

A *National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP)*, *US Pullorum-Typhoid Clean* status may be required by poultry shows or purchasers of birds or hatching eggs from your flock. The Department of Agriculture & Markets tests and inspects poultry flocks and hatcheries in New York State for certification in the plan. To qualify, up to 300 birds in your flock over four months of age must test negative to a pullorum-typhoid blood test. In addition, your facility needs to pass an inspection on the day of the test. A completed NPIP application (enclosed) must be sent in every year prior to each flock test and inspection. If interested, mail your completed application to the address below, as soon as possible. Please note that processing can take thirty (30) days or more. After that, an inspector will call you to schedule an appointment.

NY county fairs and NY State Fair exhibitors will need one of the following:

- NPIP pullorum free certificate for your flock (described above)

OR

- A receipt to prove that any birds you plan to show came from an NPIP pullorum clean flock within the past year

OR

- Proof that each bird tested negative for pullorum disease within the past 90 days.

Pullorum clinics are provided during spring and summer months to accommodate those who exhibit at fairs within New York State and are not NPIP certified. Individual birds tested at a clinic will be considered "pullorum clean" for 90 days after the test. This should carry you through the fair season. The clinic schedule is posted on the Department website (www.agriculture.ny.gov) or you may call the Animal Health Inspector in your county (list on our website) to ask about upcoming clinics and requirements. If you cannot make it to one of the clinics, another option is to have your birds tested by a local Veterinarian that provides this service.

Note: Flock owners that sell birds or hatching eggs to out of state customers need to contact the State or Country of destination for their import requirements. The Department does not prepare health certificates or conduct export testing. Contact your local Veterinarian to issue a health certificate and perform any testing that is required.

If you have any questions, please contact Christine Singley, NYS NPIP Clerk at 518-457-3502.