

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Minnesota Board of Animal Health and National Poultry Improvement Plan Programs

Subpart E – Waterfowl, Exhibition, Gamebird and Backyard Poultry (WEGBY) Participants

The National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) is a voluntary, cooperative Industry-State-Federal program, overseen by the USDA. Participation in these programs assures customers that flocks are being monitored, tested and free of certain diseases to facilitate movement of poultry and poultry product into other states or countries. The Minnesota Board of Animal Health (Board) is the Official State Agency responsible for determining if Minnesota flocks have met the necessary requirements to be classified as listed below. To comply with Board rules (MINN. R. 1721.0320) and NPIP Provisions and Program Standards (Code of Federal Regulations Title 9, Parts 145-147 and Part 56), the components listed below must be met. Permits must be renewed annually.

1. **Application:** File an annual application with the Board. The application gathers information about your facility including types of poultry, hatchery capacity, sources of birds and planned activities.
 - a. All hatching eggs and poultry from outside sources must originate from NPIP participants with an equivalent disease classification or be tested with Board approval.
 - b. Sources that are not located in Minnesota must also meet Minnesota import requirements.
2. **Testing:** All flocks must have official testing performed to demonstrate freedom from Pullorum-Typhoid Disease. Birds must be at least 16 weeks of age or sexual maturity when tested for official classification. All testing and/or sample collection must be performed by an Authorized Poultry Testing Agent.
 - a. **U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid (PT) Clean**
 - To qualify a new flock – all birds (breeders and non-breeders) are tested for pullorum-typhoid (maximum of 300).
 - Subsequent years – all breeder birds, up to 100, must be tested for pullorum-typhoid once per year.
 - Acceptable sample types/tests:
 - Rapid Whole Blood Test (RWBT) – acceptable for chickens, waterfowl, and gamebirds.
 - Blood/Serum submitted to the MPTL for testing – required for turkeys.
 - b. **U.S. H5/H7 Avian Influenza Clean** – Optional. Contact the MPTL for details.
 - c. **U.S. Salmonella Monitored** – Optional. Contact the MPTL for details.
 - d. **U.S. Mycoplasma Gallisepticum Clean** and **U.S. Mycoplasma Synoviae Clean** – Optional. Contact the MPTL for details.
3. **Inspection:** Participants must allow a premises/facility inspection with a Board representative to ensure the operations are maintained in a reasonably clean and sanitary condition. Inspections will be conducted at least once per year.
4. **Records:** Participants must maintain records of testing, inspections, and movements for all poultry and hatching eggs that enter or leave the facility. Movement records must include the date, the number and type of poultry/hatching eggs, and the origin and destination. All records must be maintained for 3 years and be made available upon request.