

Authorized Poultry Testing Agent (APTA) FAQ

Which birds need to be Pullorum-Typhoid (PT) tested to show at exhibitions?

All chickens, turkeys, gamebirds, and hatching eggs from these birds must originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that is National Poultry Improvement Program (NPIP) PT Clean or be negative to a PT test. Waterfowl, ratites and pigeons do not have any exhibition requirements.

Which birds need to be PT tested to show at sales?

All hatching eggs, chickens, turkeys, waterfowl, game birds and ratites must originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that is NPIP PT Clean or be negative to a PT test. Pigeons do not have any sale requirements.

Do I have to test for PT if I am an NPIP participant?

An NPIP PT Clean permitted flock may use their hatchery/breeding flock facility permit card and will not need an additional test before exhibitions/sales. If you need a copy of your card, reach out to our Board of Animal Health poultry email, poultry@state.mn.us. Interested in becoming NPIP certified and only PT test your flock once per year? Reach out to the Board of Animal Health by phone (320) 231-5170 or email poultry@state.mn.us.

When do I need to get my birds tested?

- **Exhibitions** – Birds included above must originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that is NPIP PT or be negative to a PT test within **90 days** prior to the opening date of the exhibition.
- **Sales** – Birds included above must originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that is NPIP PT Clean or be negative to a PT test within **30 days** prior to the sale.
- Hatching eggs and young poultry must be from an NPIP PT Clean flock and can be sold or exhibited as a group if the NPIP number is written on the cage, box or enclosure.
- Remember that turkeys cannot be tested same day as the event. Blood must be sent to an approved lab prior to sale, so make sure you plan ahead!

Where do I find an APTA to test my birds?

Call the MPTL at (320) 231-5170 or email us at poultry@state.mn.us to request a list of APTA contacts. Turkeys cannot be tested same day. Blood must be sent to an approved lab prior to sale.

Which forms should I receive from my APTA?

APTA's will provide all flock owners with a copy of the Rapid Whole Blood Test Reporting Form. Flock owners will need to provide a copy to the exhibition or sale manager at check-in. A veterinarian may provide you with a health certificate with negative test results, which is also acceptable for exhibitions and sales.

For more information on poultry sales or exhibitions visit our website: <https://www.bah.state.mn.us/poultry>

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