



National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP)



What is NPIP?

NPIP is a voluntary program that is a cooperation between the USDA, states, and industry to test poultry flocks for infectious diseases.

What is required to be a participant?

Participants must:

- ♦ Purchase birds and hatching eggs from NPIP-participant flocks
- ♦ Follow the program standards set by the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) and by NPIP.
- ♦ Practice good biosecurity.
- ♦ Arrange for testing for Salmonella pullorum-typhoid (PT) and avian influenza.
- ♦ Complete a "Report of Sales of Hatching Eggs, Chicks, and Poults" for all sales and submit a copy to UDAF.
- ♦ Keep all records of sales, purchases, and testing for three years.

What are the benefits of participating in NPIP?

- ♦ Bird owners can know the health status of their flocks
- ♦ Buyers of your birds or hatching eggs can certify that your birds meet testing requirements
- ♦ NPIP certification allows you to ship birds to most states without requiring a health certificate from a veterinarian or additional testing.
- ♦ Depending on the type of birds, participants may be able to use their certification status as proof of recent testing for shows, swaps, or exhibitions.
- ♦ Participants are eligible for indemnity (compensation) during a disease outbreak.

What testing is required to participate in NPIP?

Flocks participating in NPIP must test yearly for Salmonella pullorum-typhoid. Gamebird flocks must test for avian influenza every 90 days, and backyard poultry flocks must test for avian influenza every 180 days.

How is testing performed?

Birds must be 16 weeks or older to undergo testing for the NPIP program, and all testing must be done in accordance with NPIP Program Standards found in 9 CFR 147.

The Salmonella pullorum-typhoid (PT) test is a blood test done in the field. Avian influenza testing is done with oral or vent swabs and are processed at the Utah Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. The Flu-Detect, also called the ACIA, test is the preferred test.

There are other diseases that flocks can choose to be certified for. Please ask UDAF for more information on the certifications available.

Where can I find an application form?

<https://ag.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/Utah-NPIP-Application.pdf>

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