

FAIR AND SHOW REQUIREMENTS:
POULTRY

ALL POULTRY

1. PRIVATE SALES WILL BE ALLOWED WITH PROPER DOCUMENTATION OF THE SALE BY THE EXHIBITION SPONSOR AND MAINTAINED FOR ONE YEAR.
2. **IDENTIFICATION: ALL POULTRY** entering an exhibition must be identified with a numbered leg or wing band.
3. **AI TESTING:** Owners are **required** to produce a copy of the test results (digital or printed).
4. All poultry exhibitors are **required** to complete and produce (digital or printed) a Poultry Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health and Biosecurity Statement.
5. DOCUMENTATION must be provided on MDA-E06 and MDA-E20, VS Form 9-2, VS Form 9-3 or comparable form approved by the State Veterinarian.

MARYLAND POULTRY

1. **PREMISES REGISTRATION:** All poultry exhibitors originating from Maryland must have valid proof of a registered Maryland Poultry Premises ID Number or Federal Premises ID Number, included on test paperwork.
2. **AVIAN INFLUENZA (AI) TESTING REQUIREMENTS:** All poultry, including wild birds except pigeons and doves, shown at public exhibitions in the state shall meet the following AI testing requirement:
 - a. Have a negative avian influenza test conducted on a representative sample of **10 BIRDS PER PREMISES** within 21 days prior to the event start date.
 - b. If there are less than 10 birds, then all birds must be tested.
3. **SALMONELLA PULLORUM-TYPHOID TESTING REQUIREMENTS:** All poultry, 4 months of age or older, except waterfowl, wild birds, pigeons and doves, shown at public exhibitions in the state shall meet one or more of the following requirements:
 - a. Originate directly from an NPIP U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flock as defined in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations (and there was no break in the chain of ownership by NPIP participants), OR
 - i. "Flock" is defined as "all of the poultry on one premises, except any group of poultry that has been segregated for 21 days may be considered a separate flock." (COMAR 15.11.11.02) **This pertains to PT testing only.**
 - b. Have a negative official test for Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid within 90 days before fair, exhibition, exposition, or show and remain segregated from all poultry of unknown or positive Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid test status.
 - i. Segregation is defined as no direct contact between poultry. For biosecurity purposes, it is advised to care for the tested flock before interacting with any untested poultry on site.

OUT-OF-STATE POULTRY

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 - a. Have a negative avian influenza test conducted on a representative sample of **ALL BIRDS IN THE FLOCK** within 14 days prior to the opening date of the event.

- b. If there are greater than 30 birds in the flock, only 30 birds need to be tested.
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POULTRY BARN

MDA's Animal Health Program is implementing the following biosecurity measures for **ALL** poultry exhibitions:

1. The Poultry Barn must have clearly designated entrances, exits, and as much as possible, a one-way viewing path for the public.
2. Biosecurity protocols must be in place, including handwashing or hand sanitizing stations. Footbaths/mats are recommended.
3. Each person who enters the Poultry Barn **MUST**:
 - a. NOT be allowed to touch or handle the birds (unless it is their own personal bird and even then we recommend limiting handling).
 - b. USE hand sanitizer or wash hands upon entering and exiting the barn.
 - c. It is recommended to DISINFECT footwear before entering and upon exit of the barn. This can be a powder disinfectant or liquid footbath/mat.
4. All visitors to the poultry barn **MUST** follow the above biosecurity guidelines!
5. The fair staff should disinfect the barn walkways in the morning and evening, and if possible, especially on busy days, in the afternoon.
6. Only bird owners or their designated representatives are permitted to handle birds on-site.
7. Those handling birds must wear dedicated footwear that is disinfected after each interaction with birds and must remain on the event grounds for the duration of the event. After the fair, this footwear must be disinfected before returning home to prevent potential disease spread.
8. Signs should be clearly placed around the barn to advise visitors against touching birds.
9. Infographics and information about Avian Influenza should be placed around the barn to provide education for the visitors. Such information can be provided by MDA upon request.