General Information for NPIP Certification

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For National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) certification, we will require the following information:

- Your physical/911 address
- Your mailing address (if different)
- Your telephone number and email
- An approximate number of adult birds on your premises (poultry, waterfowl and upland gamebird)

There is a one-time $50.00 fee to join the program.

One of our Animal Health Technicians (or more, depending on the size of your flock) will come and test your flock for Pullorum Typhoid and Avian Influenza.

To Qualify for the NPIP Program
Your entire adult flock will be tested for Pullorum Typhoid. The cost for this testing is ten cents per bird. Thirty birds (or your entire adult flock, if thirty birds or fewer) will be tested for Avian Influenza. There is no charge for this testing.
For annual renewal, you will be charged a $10.00 visitation fee, plus ten cents per bird for Pullorum Typhoid.

To be AI Clean (which is almost always required if shipping chicks and hatching eggs to out-of-state recipients), your flock will also be tested at a six-month interval for Avian Influenza. There is no charge for this testing, unless you have new adult birds in your flock which will require Pullorum Typhoid testing. (Consult with your tester for further details.)
If Pullorum Typhoid testing will be required during the AI Clean test, there will be a $10.00 visitation fee, plus ten cents per bird for any bird requiring Pullorum testing.

(Special note of consideration – depending on how many upland gamebirds your flock has, you may be required to test for AI Clean on a quarterly basis. Also, NPIP members who ship into Virginia also may need to test on a quarterly basis.)

If interested in licensing (Poultry Dealer Application form) to sell
You will need the Poultry/Ratite Dealer license (no fee) to sell adult poultry, waterfowl and upland gamebirds and the Chick Dealer license ($10.00 annual fee) to sell baby chicks.
The hatchery licenses will only be required if you are hatching out more than 500 chicks per week.
(While we offer multiple hatchery licenses, you will only need to pay one flat $25.00 fee. The hatchery fee is for the premise, not per license.)

Regarding Eggs
The Poultry Health Programs (NCDA&CS-Veterinary) only covers the sale of hatching eggs. A Hatching Egg Dealer license is required if you are selling over 250 per month.
If you ever plan on selling table eggs, you will need to go through the Office of Meat and Poultry at (919) 707-3180 and the Office of Food and Drug Protection at (919) 733-7366 for their regulations.

Additional Information
Please note, these licenses are only necessary if you are selling in-person and away from your premises at a farmer’s market, flea market, a swap (such as at a Tractor Supply or a Southern States lot), etc.
Auctions require their own licenses, which cover auction participants.
If in-person transactions are solely taking place at the physical/911 premise where your poultry, etc., resides, you do not require a license.
You also do not require a license for shipping chicks and hatching eggs via the post office.

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