



**New Jersey Department of Agriculture
Division of Animal Health
Requirements for Movement of Poultry
within the
New Jersey Live Bird Marketing System**

Only poultry from monitored flocks or tested flocks (meeting the definitions in N.J.A.C. 2:9-2.1) may move within the New Jersey Live Bird Marketing System (NJLBMS)

Only poultry distributors who have met the requirements of N.J.A.C. 2:9-2.2 and 2:9-4.1-4.3, and production/supplier flocks who have met the requirements of N.J.A.C. 2:9-2.2 and 2:9-5.1-5.2 may move poultry within the (NJLBMS).

For a copy of N.J.A.C. Chapter 9 - Avian Influenza: [click here](#)

“Certified Poultry Technician” means an individual who has been specifically trained in poultry health monitoring and specimen collection by the state in which they are certified, who is included on an official list of technicians certified by the state in which they reside to perform inspections and specimen collections, and whose state certification program has been approved by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture. A state’s certification program, at a minimum, must contain standards for:

1. Certification that includes training in sample collection, sample handling and submission, biosecurity protocol and poultry health monitoring;
2. Recertification that includes an annual training update, review of the technician’s testing history and paperwork, and review of reports of non-compliance with poultry certificate requirements and biosecurity protocol; and
3. Termination of certification that include disciplinary action protocols.

“Established Flock” means poultry of the same species held together on one premise for at least 21 consecutive days; or at the discretion of the State Veterinarian, any group of poultry on one premises that has been segregated from another group for at least 21 consecutive days. The flock shall be kept separate and apart from all other poultry of unknown health status and no additional birds may be added between the testing date and the date the birds leave the farm.

“Monitored Flock” means an established flock that meets the following criteria:

1. A sample size of at least 30 birds is tested monthly for signs of avian influenza. If the flock contains less than 30 birds, all birds within the flock must be tested monthly;
2. The birds tested have tested negative for avian influenza for three consecutive months;
3. The flock is registered with the New Jersey Department of Agriculture pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:9-2.2;
4. With the exception of day-old chicks moved directly from a National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) U.S. Avian Influenza Clean hatchery or

pullets moved directly from a NPIP U.S. H5/H7 Avian Influenza Monitored flock, no birds of lesser status have been added to the flock. When birds of lesser status are added to the flock, the flock loses its monitored status. After waiting 21 consecutive days, a flock that has lost its monitored status may re-qualify for monitored status if 30 birds have tested negative for avian influenza monthly for three consecutive months; and

5. The flock must comply with the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 2:9-5.2 and 5.3(a).

"Poultry distributor" means any business entity or individual working within the distribution system serving the live bird markets, including, but not limited to, production/supplier flocks, wholesalers, poultry dealers, haulers/truckers and qualified poultry auctions.

"Poultry Inspection Certificate" means a document issued by a state agency based on negative avian influenza test results by a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved laboratory. The certificate shall be accompanied by a copy of the finalized laboratory report indicating that the poultry tested negative for avian influenza. The certificate shall include:

1. The full name of the flock owner and the phone number of the flock owner/manager;
2. The address of the origin of the poultry;
3. The breeds and quantity of all poultry maintained on the premises of origin at the time of testing that qualify for movement;
4. The dates that the poultry were tested, number of samples collected, lab accession number(s) of qualifying tests and a statement of negative avian influenza status;
5. The date of issue and expiration date of the certificate;
6. A signed statement by the flock owner certifying that the identified poultry are from:
 - monitored flock; or
 - tested flock, and
7. A signed statement by an accredited veterinarian, animal health official or certified poultry technician certifying that the flock was inspected at the time of testing and no signs of clinical disease were observed.

"Poultry invoice" means a document issued by a poultry distributor or production/supplier flock, which shall include:

1. The full name and address of the poultry distributor or production/supplier flock where the poultry originated
2. The breeds and quantity of the poultry being moved;
3. The date of movement;
4. A statement of negative avian influenza status; and
5. The name and address of the poultry distributor or live bird market where the poultry are being moved.

"Production/Supplier Flock" means the backyard flock or farm that is the origin of poultry offered for sale within the live bird marketing system.

"Tested Flock" means an established flock that meets the following criteria:

1. 30 birds have tested negative for avian influenza within 10 days prior to the date of movement and no poultry have been added to the flock after testing and prior to movement. If the flock contains less than 30 birds, all birds shall be tested.
2. The flock is registered with the New Jersey Department of Agriculture pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:9-2.2; and
3. The flock must comply with the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 2:9-5.2 and 5.3(a).

PRODUCTION/SUPPLIER FLOCK REQUIREMENTS

1. **REGISTRATION** – complete flock registration - Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:9-2.2 Registration - production/supplier flocks that conduct business in the State of New Jersey must register annually with the NJDA. Contact the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Health at: (609) 671-6400 for more information.
 - Production/supplier Flocks located in New Jersey must follow the steps in N.J.A.C. 2:9-2.2
 - Production/supplier flocks that conduct business within New Jersey but are located in another state/country shall be exempt from registering with the NJDA if:
 - Flock has a Premise ID assigned to them by the state. (This ID number is a requirement on the Production/Supplier Flock Registration Exemption Form).
 - Complete a "Production/Supplier Flock Registration Exemption Form" ([click here for a copy of the Production/Supplier Flock Registration Exemption Form](#)). Form must be forwarded to our office via mail, email or fax BEFORE the birds are shipped:
 - Mail: NJDA, Division of Animal Health, PO Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625-0400
 - Email: state.veterinarian@ag.nj.gov
 - fax: 609-671-6413.
2. **POULTRY INVOICE** – complete poultry invoice - Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:9-5.1 Production/supplier flocks – (b) A completed poultry invoice ([click here for a copy of sample invoice and instructions](#)) and either a completed poultry inspection certificate

(PICs) (*attached*) or a certificate of veterinary inspection must accompany all poultry intended for movement through a poultry distributor or into a production/supplier flock.

3. **FLOCK TESTING - HAVE YOUR POULTRY FLOCK SAMPLED FOR AVIAN INFLUENZA** – locate an authorized tester (accredited veterinarian, state or federal official or certified poultry technician (States of Maryland and Pennsylvania ONLY) who will follow the steps below to certify your flock is negative for avian influenza.

AUTHORIZED TESTER REQUIREMENTS

1. Official Testing of Specimens - The State of New Jersey adopts as the official laboratory tests of the avian influenza program Part IV of “USDA’s Prevention and Control of H5 and H7 Low Pathogenicity Avian Influenza in the Live Bird Marketing System Uniform Standards for a State-Federal-Industry Cooperative Program”, effective August 15, 2008, as amended and supplemented:
http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/divisions/ah/pdf/lbms_program_standards_final.pdf
2. Who May Sample Poultry for Movement?
 - **Accredited Veterinarian** - Only an accredited veterinarian may sample poultry for movement on a *certificate of veterinary inspection* (CVI). They may also sample poultry for movement on a Poultry Inspection Certificate (PIC).
 - **State or Federal Animal Health Official**
 - **Certified Poultry Technician (CPT)**
 1. Must meet the requirements of a “Certified poultry technician” as defined in N.J.A.C. 2:9-2.1
 2. *Currently*, only CPTs from the States of Maryland and Pennsylvania are approved for sampling poultry for movement within the NJLBMS.
3. Bird Selection for Testing for Movement (for tested and monitored flocks)
 - **Coordinate testing** - birds must be moved within 10 days from sample collection date if moving on a Tested Flock Poultry Inspection Certificate. Day one starts the day after sample collection.
 - Poultry less than 7 days of age are exempt from testing requirements if:
 1. The poultry originated and moved directly from a monitored or tested breeding flock, and
 2. The poultry are accompanied by a poultry inspection certificate or certificate of veterinary inspection
 - Biosecurity of the premise shall be reviewed to determine which birds qualify as an *established flock*. Flocks with questionable biosecurity/flock movement shall not qualify as an *established flock*.
 - Sample thirty (30) birds. Birds shall be randomly selected for testing. Birds selected for testing must be a random representation of the *established flock* on the premises. For *established flocks* with multiple houses and or multiple floors/house:
 1. For *tested flock* status, *established flocks* with multiple houses and/or multiple floors/house: ten (10) birds shall be sampled from the moving flock and twenty (20) birds shall be randomly selected and tested from the remaining houses/floors of the *established flock* for a total of thirty (30) samples.

2. For *monitored flock* status, *established flocks* with multiple houses and/or multiple floors/house: test a random sample of each house/floor of the *established* flock for a total of thirty (30) samples.
 - The authorized flock tester must inspect **all** poultry located on the *premises* to document the health status of all poultry on the premises. If there are multiple flocks, multiple houses and/or multiple floors/house on the premise, each flock/house/floor shall be inspected. If any birds demonstrate clinical signs of disease, the flock shall be reported to the flock of origin's State Veterinarian immediately and birds shall not move unless under the authority of the flock of origin's State Veterinarian.
4. Complete the Poultry Inspection Certificate as follows (accredited veterinarians may also complete a CVI):
- The authorized tester completes the Poultry Inspection Certificate (PIC)
 - There are two different PICs, one for [tested flocks](#) and one for [monitored flocks](#).
 - Please be certain that you are completing the current version of the PIC (*revised 3-24-17*). Please contact the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Health at 609-671-6400 for the current version of the PIC.
 - *Please note:* most laying flocks will load out multiple loads (due to the large numbers of birds contained within the moving flock/house) over a 10-day period. Each load of birds must be accompanied by a poultry invoice and PIC – paperwork must be given to truck driver, usually the production/supplier flock gives the PIC and invoice to the truck driver. A new poultry invoice must be developed for each load, but the producer can make use a copy of the original PIC for the additional loads.

Section A: Flock Information

1. State of Origin = is the state where the flock resides that you are testing for movement
2. Flock Premises ID = the flock's Premise Identification Number assigned by the state animal health authority.
3. Flock Owner = the name of the flock owner of the birds that you are testing for movement
4. Address of Flock = the *actual* location of the flock that you are testing for movement. The complete address shall include the street, city, state and zip code.
5. Phone Number of Flock Owner/Manager = the phone number of the flock owner or flock manager to include area code
6. Type of Poultry That Qualify For Movement (Quantity, Type, Weight, Color, Age, etc.) = you must list **all** poultry in the *established flock*. For each type of bird, you must include the quantity, type, approximate weight, color and approximate age.

NOT Acceptable = 'ducks', 'broilers', 'chickens', 'red cockerels', 'quail'

Acceptable = 250 Muscovy ducks (~ 7 lb average, 16 weeks of age)
 500 white broilers (~ 5 lb average, 7 weeks of age)
 800 red cockerels (~ 9 lb average, 16 weeks of age)

Section B: Testing Information

7. Number of Samples Collected = total number of samples collected
8. Sample Collection Date = the date the samples were collected
9. Lab Accession # = the accession number assigned by the laboratory to the samples

“Certificate Expiration”

This certificate is valid for 30 days and expires on _____ (for Monitored Flocks) = thirty days from the date that you collected the samples. Day ONE starts the day after sample collection.

This certificate is valid for 10 days and expires on _____ (For Tested flocks) = ten days from the date that you collected the samples. Day ONE starts the day after sample collection.

Section C: Official/Tester Certification

10. Tester Signature = Signature of the Certified Poultry Technician (PA and MD ONLY), State or Federal Agent or Accredited Veterinarian
11. Printed Name = Printed name (legibly) of the Certified Poultry Technician, State or Federal Agent or Accredited Veterinarian
12. Phone = phone number, including area code of the Certified Poultry Technician, State or Federal Agent or Accredited Veterinarian
13. Date = the date that the Certified Poultry Technician, State or Federal Agent or Accredited Veterinarian signs the certificate. **Please note: By signing, you are verifying that the poultry tested negative for avian influenza, therefore, you must have negative avian influenza test results prior to signing. This entry should minimally be the date the the avian influenza results were released from the laboratory, not the date that the poultry was sampled.*
14. I am a (check one) = check the box that describes the status of the tester

Section D: Flock owner/Manager Certification

15. Flock Owner/Manager Signature = Signature of the flock owner or manager
16. Printed Name = Printed name (legibly) of the flock owner/manager
17. Date = the date the flock owner/manager signed the certificate

POULTRY DISTRIBUTOR REQUIRMENTS

1. **REGISTRATION** – complete poultry distributor registration - Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:9-2.2 Registration - poultry distributors that conduct business in the State of New Jersey must register annually with the NJDA. Contact the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Health at: (609) 671-6400 for more information.

2. **POULTRY INVOICE AND POULTRY INSPECTION CERTIFICATE OR CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION**
 - Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:9-4.1 (a) A poultry distributor must obtain a completed poultry invoice and either a completed poultry inspection certificate or a certificate of veterinary inspection from the production/supplier flock for all poultry intended for movement into a New Jersey live bird market or another poultry distributor.

3. **POULTRY INVOICE TO ACCOMPANY POULTRY INTO LIVE BIRD MARKET**
 - The poultry invoice and poultry inspection certificate or certificate of veterinary inspection required in (a) above shall remain in the possession of the poultry distributor and a new poultry invoice shall accompany all poultry delivered to live bird markets.

**ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE
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