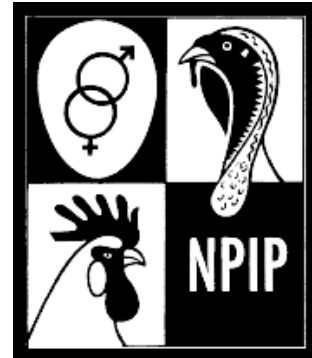


NPIP Participation in Colorado

Thank you for your interest in the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP). In our state, the Colorado Poultry Health Board serves as the official state agency for the NPIP. This program is housed at Colorado State University and employs certified field technicians who are supervised by Dr. Kristy Pabilonia, the NPIP contact representative for Colorado. I am happy to provide some information regarding the NPIP and address the criteria to determine participation. Please note there is a required information section that you will need to complete below.



NPIP Background Information

The NPIP is a national program combining the efforts of state/federal departments of agriculture along with commercial poultry industry representatives in order to effectively improve poultry health and poultry products through the use of veterinary diagnostic testing.

The NPIP was founded in the 1930s in an effort to eliminate *Salmonella pullorum*, or pullorum disease, and *Salmonella gallinarum*, or fowl typhoid, from the United States. Since then, Pullorum-Typhoid (PT) has been eradicated in U.S. commercial poultry flocks and hatcheries. However, PT remains a reportable disease as chickens and turkeys are both natural hosts. Most states require a negative PT test within a specific time period or participation in the NPIP prior to the sale or entrance of poultry or hatching eggs into the state.

NPIP Disease Monitoring

The NPIP requirements for disease testing are dependent upon the flock classification system, or subpart in which they are placed. Each subpart participates in a different testing program which is determined by the purpose of the flock and number of birds in the flock. Here are a few diseases tested for in the NPIP program:

- Pullorum-Typhoid (PT)
- Mycoplasma gallisepticum (MG)
- Mycoplasma synoviae (MS)
- *Salmonella enteritidis* (SE)
- Avian influenza (AI)

In Colorado, many of our registered NPIP flocks are Subpart E participants, so we test for PT and AI. However, the Colorado State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory is an accredited lab approved to perform a variety of additional tests.

Required Information

In order to determine if NPIP certification is necessary, please provide the following information:

- 1.) What is the primary purpose of your flock (backyard, egg/meat production, show/exhibition bird breeding, ect)?
- 2.) How many birds do you have total? How many are over the age of 4 months?

- 3.) What species and approximately how many of each do you have (chickens, ducks, geese, quail, pheasant, partridge)?
- 4.) Do you intend to sell birds or hatching eggs outside the state of Colorado?
- 5.) Do you intend to take live birds outside the state of Colorado (e.g. poultry show)?
- 6.) What is your physical address (where are you located) and phone number?

Program Participation

In order to become a registered NPIP participant in the state of Colorado the following will occur:

- 1.) Annual Pullorum-Typhoid testing
 - Birds must be over 16 weeks of age. A minimum of 30 birds and maximum of 300 birds will be tested annually
 - Rapid plate test – small amount of blood drawn from wing vein, test performed on site
- 2.) Avian influenza testing (free of charge)
 - Birds can be any age. A maximum of 30 birds will be tested during each flock visit
 - PCR test – mouth swab collected from bird, test performed at CSU Lab
- 3.) Annual premises inspection
 - Includes all premises housing birds
- 4.) Records audit
 - As a participant, you can only purchase birds from other NPIP certified flocks and hatcheries. For any new birds purchased that year, documentation should be provided upon request
 - Participants are also required to sign official NPIP forms, these forms must be returned to maintain compliance with the Program
- 5.) Completion of official NPIP paperwork and Colorado Poultry Health Board/NPIP participation form.
 - Currently the annual participation fee is \$12, which covers the costs of all testing and travel

If all test results are negative, the flock owner will receive an NPIP participation number, access to use the NPIP logo, and a certificate of participation that will be renewed annually. Additionally, VS 9-3 shipping forms will be provided at the request of the flock owner.

Important Considerations

Please review this important information regarding NPIP certification and participation:

- NPIP participants are required to renew their certification annually
- NPIP participants can only acquire birds from other NPIP certified flocks or hatcheries
- Failure to return official NPIP documents to the Colorado Poultry Health Board can result in removal from the program
- If you are already purchasing your birds from NPIP certified flocks or hatcheries, you likely do not require certification
- The NPIP is primarily designed for commercial poultry products and breeding flocks

- ✓ Small, backyard poultry flocks typically do not require certification
- Pullorum/typhoid testing is required for movement of birds or hatching eggs to other states
 - ✓ Every state has different requirements, it is *your* responsibility to determine what documentation and testing you need prior to shipping or selling birds outside Colorado
 - ✓ This includes live birds traveling to poultry shows and exhibitions