

## Authorized Poultry Testing Agent (APTA) FAQ

### Which birds need to be Pullorum-Typhoid (PT) tested to show at exhibitions?

All chickens, turkeys, gamebirds, and hatching eggs from these birds must originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that is National Poultry Improvement Program (NPIP) PT Clean or be negative to a PT test. Waterfowl, ratites and pigeons do not have any exhibition requirements.

### Which birds need to be PT tested to show at sales?

All hatching eggs, chickens, turkeys, waterfowl, game birds and ratites must originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that is NPIP PT Clean or be negative to a PT test. Pigeons do not have any sale requirements.

### Do I have to test for PT if I am an NPIP participant?

An NPIP PT Clean permitted flock may use their hatchery/breeding flock facility permit card and will not need an additional test before exhibitions/sales. If you need a copy of your card, reach out to our Board of Animal Health poultry email, [poultry@state.mn.us](mailto:poultry@state.mn.us). Interested in becoming NPIP certified and only PT test your flock once per year? Reach out to the Board of Animal Health by phone (320) 231-5170 or email [poultry@state.mn.us](mailto:poultry@state.mn.us).

### When do I need to get my birds tested?

- **Exhibitions** – Birds included above must originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that is NPIP PT or be negative to a PT test within **90 days** prior to the opening date of the exhibition.
- **Sales** – Birds included above must originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that is NPIP PT Clean or be negative to a PT test within **30 days** prior to the sale.
- Hatching eggs and young poultry must be from an NPIP PT Clean flock and can be sold or exhibited as a group if the NPIP number is written on the cage, box or enclosure.
- Remember that turkeys cannot be tested same day as the event. Blood must be sent to an approved lab prior to sale, so make sure you plan ahead!

### Where do I find an APTA to test my birds?

Call the MPTL at (320) 231-5170 or email us at [poultry@state.mn.us](mailto:poultry@state.mn.us) to request a list of APTA contacts. Turkeys cannot be tested same day. Blood must be sent to an approved lab prior to sale.

### Which forms should I receive from my APTA?

APTA's will provide all flock owners with a copy of the Rapid Whole Blood Test Reporting Form. Flock owners will need to provide a copy to the exhibition or sale manager at check-in. A veterinarian may provide you with a health certificate with negative test results, which is also acceptable for exhibitions and sales.

For more information on poultry sales or exhibitions visit our website: <https://www.bah.state.mn.us/poultry>

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