



PT Testing FAQ

Which birds need PT tested to show at fairs and exhibitions?

All poultry, waterfowl, and game birds need a negative PT test in order to participate in shows and exhibitions. Broilers may be exempt if the show location has them separated by a distance of 10 feet and/or an 8 foot tall barrier from all other poultry, and are consigned directly to harvest. Pigeons are exempt from testing.

When do I need to get my birds tested?

Birds must be a minimum of 30 days old and tested within 90 days of the fair, show, or exhibition by a certified PT tester or accredited veterinarian. An NPIP PT Clean certified flock may use their flock certification and will not need an additional test before fairs.

Where do I find a certified tester to test my birds?

A list of public certified testers can be found on www.ncentralpoultry.com. Certified testers should provide all flock owners with a copy of the negative test result when the test is completed. Flock owners should keep a copy and have a copy ready to present to the fair, sale, or exhibition. Accredited veterinarians can also test birds and provide the flock owner with a health certificate.

Which forms should I receive from my tester?

A certified PT tester can use a Certificate of Pullorum-Free Status for birds in fairs, shows, and exhibitions. They may also use an NPIP 9-2 form. Either form is acceptable for proof of negative PT status. A veterinarian may provide you with a health certificate with negative test results, this is also acceptable for fairs, shows, and exhibitions.

What if I am an NPIP participant?

Your birds are already certified PT-negative. Present proof of your flock's NPIP participation through your breeder card or copy of your 9-2 form. If you need copies please reach out to elycia@ncentralpoultry.com. Interested in becoming NPIP certified and only PT testing your flock once per year? Reach out to the North Central Poultry Association.