Pennsylvania
Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Animal Health and Diagnostic Services

OWNER ENDORSED AVIAN HEALTH CERTIFICATE AND BIOSECURITY STATEMENT

Introduction: Highly pathogenic avian influenza is a fatal and contagious disease of poultry and has led to the loss of more than 100 million birds in the United States since 2022. The virus causing this disease can be spread by infected wild and domestic birds, on products such as feathers and eggs, on clothing, vehicles, equipment, and other fomites such as packing materials, and through the air. However, if all protocols for reducing the risk of spreading disease are followed, market birds, non-poultry, hatchlings, and avian products, including unfertilized and fertilized eggs and ornamental feathers may be exhibited or displayed, in accordance with the standards established under the Department's *General Quarantine Order; 2025 Exhibition of Market Birds, Non-Poultry, Hatchlings, Feathers, and Eggs.*

A completed *Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement* must accompany market birds, non-poultry, hatchlings, and avian products, including unfertilized and fertilized eggs and ornamental feathers, to a Pennsylvania Venue or Fair within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania which is sponsored by or receives funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture pursuant to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Fair Act (act of July 8, 1986, P.L. 437, No. 92)(3 P.S. §§ 1501- 1510). The certificate must be presented to exhibition management prior to cooping of market birds and non-poultry, or display of hatchlings and avian products, including unfertilized and fertilized eggs and ornamental feathers. The form must be endorsed with the signature of the owner of the market birds, non-poultry, hatchlings, and avian products, including unfertilized and fertilized eggs and ornamental feathers.

The following information is required:

1. Exhibition Information:

a. Name of exhibition: _____

b. Address of exhibition: _____
Street, Route, or Box Number

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City State Zip

2. Owner Information:

a. Owner and exhibitor name:

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b. Owner and exhibitor address:_____
Street, Route, or Box Number

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City State Zip

c. Owner and exhibitor telephone number: (____)_____

d. Owner email address: _____

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3. Verification of Biosecurity: Biosecurity measures for all market birds, non-poultry, hatchlings, and avian products, including unfertilized and fertilized eggs and ornamental feathers being exhibited or displayed include a biosecurity plan which is followed on the premises where the source flock is located, to include at minimum: a. Visitors to bird housing areas are restricted.

b. Anyone visiting the bird housing area should have clean clothing and should have used hand sanitizer or washed their hands before handling birds, feathers, eggs, or related equipment.

c. Designated footwear or footwear that has been cleaned and disinfected is worn in the bird housing area by anyone entering the area. A clear line of separation exists at the entrance to the bird housing area.

d. All ornamental feathers and unfertilized and fertilized eggs for exhibition are maintained in a biosecure manner, separate from birds and other avian products, prior to entry into the exhibition.

e. All conveyances, including transport vehicles, coops, crates, boxes, and other containers used to transport market birds, non-poultry, hatchlings, and avian products, including unfertilized and fertilized eggs and ornamental feathers to an exhibition are cleaned to be free of visible manure, litter, or other debris.

f. All coops, crates, boxes, and other containers used to transport market birds, non-poultry, hatchlings, and avian products, including unfertilized and fertilized eggs and ornamental feathers to an exhibition shall be disinfected with a product effective against the avian influenza virus and allowed to dry before use.

g. All exhibitors should follow the current biosecurity guidelines: *Keeping Your Show Animals Healthy-Guidelines for Exhibitors*.

4. Owner Endorsement:
I certify that the above information represents a true and accurate statement regarding my market birds, non-poultry, hatchlings, and avian products, including unfertilized and fertilized eggs and ornamental feathers, and their home flock(s). I further attest and affirm that a "Veterinarian Client Patient Relationship" – as that phrase is defined in the Act relating to Animal Exhibition Sanitation found at 3 Pa.C.S.A. § 2501 *et seq*. and any amendments thereto – "exists with regard to any market birds, non-poultry, hatchlings, and avian products, including unfertilized and fertilized eggs and ornamental feathers which I will be exhibiting."

5. Owner Printed Name:_____

6. Owner Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

For questions, please contact the Department by email (RA-ahds@pa.gov), by fax (717-787-1868), or mail at the address below.

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To report illness or unusual mortality in your flock, please call the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture at 717-772-2852, option 1 (24/7).