

## Poultry Permitting and Sales Quick Facts

### Who needs to be permitted?

- **Community Sales:** A permit is required to operate or conduct a community sale of livestock in Minnesota. Annual and single sale permits are available.
- **Exhibitions:** A permit is required to conduct a public exhibition of livestock in the state with the exception of certain horse shows, rodeos, or horse races.
- **Hatcheries and breeding flock facilities:** A permit is required to maintain or operate a hatchery or breeding flock facility.
- **Dealers:** A permit is required for a poultry dealer to buy, sell, trade, or distribute hatching eggs, poultry, or ratites in the state.
- **Those importing poultry into the state:** An import permit must be obtained from the Board prior to importation of hatching eggs, poultry, or ratites into the state.

### Poultry Requirements at Community Sales:

- **Identification:** All poultry and ratites at community sales, except baby poultry, must be individually identified with a leg or wing band.
  - Young poultry that are too small to band can be sold as a group **if** the Hatchery Permit number or NPIP number is written on the box.
- **Certificates or test charts:** All hatching eggs, poultry, and ratites must be accompanied by a certificate or test chart approved by the Board to show compliance with the following disease requirements:
  - All hatching eggs, poultry, and ratites must either originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that is classified as pullorum-typhoid clean (per NPIP) or be negative to a pullorum-typhoid test within 30 days prior to the sale.
  - All turkey hatching eggs, poults, and turkeys must also originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that is classified *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* clean and *Mycoplasma synoviae* clean (per NPIP) or be negative to a *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* and *Mycoplasma synoviae* test within 30 days prior to the sale.

### Poultry Requirements at Exhibitions:

Please refer to the exhibition requirements document on the Board website at [www.bah.state.mn.us/media/poultry-exhibition\\_FactSheet.pdf](http://www.bah.state.mn.us/media/poultry-exhibition_FactSheet.pdf).

### Becoming a permitted hatchery and NPIP participant:

Board rules require all persons or entities maintaining or operating a hatchery or breeding flock facility must obtain a permit from the Board. Permits must be renewed annually and may be revoked or suspended for failure to comply with necessary requirements. Obtaining or renewing a hatchery permit requires three steps:

1. **Application** – File an application with the Board
  - The application gathers information about your facility including types of poultry, hatchery capacity, sources of birds and planned activities.
  - Applications can be found on our website at [www.mn.gov/bah](http://www.mn.gov/bah) or by calling the MPTL.
2. **Testing** – Complete the following test requirements
  - All hatcheries and breeding flocks **must** test for *Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid* (P-T).
  - Turkey hatcheries and breeding flocks **must** also test for *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* (MG) and *Mycoplasma synoviae* (MS).

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- Additional voluntary programs for avian influenza and Salmonella are available, but require additional scheduled sample submission. Please contact the MPTL for details.
3. **Inspection** – Allow an inspection with a Board representative
- Key components of the inspection include reasonably clean and sanitary conditions, identification of hatching eggs and baby poultry and sales records to ensure proper traceability.
  - A Board representative will contact you to schedule your inspection.
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When all the requirements have been met and the permit has been approved, a Hatchery Permit Card will be issued, which can be used at community sales and exhibitions. Permitted hatcheries and breeding flock facilities also qualify to be listed as a NPIP participant – contact the MPTL for additional details.

**What is the NPIP?** The National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) is a cooperative federal/state/industry program established in 1935 to eradicate Pullorum Disease caused by *Salmonella pullorum*. It has evolved over the years to include testing and monitoring for *Salmonella typhoid*, *Salmonella enteritidis*, *Mycoplasma gallisepticum*, *Mycoplasma synoviae*, *Mycoplasma meleagridis*, and Avian Influenza. The NPIP has established standards for the evaluation of poultry with respect to freedom from NPIP diseases. Being a member of NPIP allows greater ease in moving hatching eggs and live birds within the state, across state lines, and to other countries. The Board of Animal Health serves as the Official State Agency for the administration and oversight of NPIP programs in Minnesota.

**Who are Authorized Poultry Testing Agents?** Authorized Poultry Testing Agents (APTAs) are trained by the Board to test poultry for Pullorum-Typhoid (P-T) using the rapid whole blood test. Testing agents can also collect samples for other poultry program disease testing at the Minnesota Poultry Testing Laboratory (MPTL). All samples collected to meet test requirements for Board or National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) programs must be collected by certified APTA's. APTA certification involves a one-day classroom training session and one-on-one field instruction training by a Board representative. Authorizations are valid for four years.