

2019 Huron Community Fair

All birds that have contact with birds that free range, wild birds, or birds that can not be proven to come from participating NPIP (National Poultry Improvement Plan) hatchery must have pullorum test completed prior to entering fair barns. **Pullorum testing is available if needed.** However market birds which come from NPIP hatchery (such as townline) will not need testing if segregation is verified by 4-H leader or FFA advisor. Proof of Purchase must also be included or Proof of Pullorum testing within 90 days.

I certify that I have observed _____

(Youth's full name)

Market (circle) Goose / Duck / Chickens / Turkey at location

Acceptably segregated so as to Prevent Disease Transmission.

Signature of 4-H Leader / FFA Advisor

Date

I certify that I have observed _____

(Youth's full name)

Breed Class Bird or Show bird (describe) _____

at location _____

Acceptably segregated so as to Prevent Disease Transmission.

Signature of 4-H Leader / FFA Advisor

Date

Form must be presented at Fair prior to weigh in and/or tagging at 2019 Huron Community Fair. If birds are not certified segregated / with proof of purchase then pullorum testing will be completed before entering SLA building. **Pullorum testing will be available** on July 23rd from 6 to 8pm at Fair Grounds outside SLA building. Any questions please contact Sheila Grifka @ 989-658-2568.

2019 Fair – We are implementing additional precautions to avoid spreading / bringing disease from home flocks to our fair. We would like to avoid problems which have happened at neighboring fair. In case of a disease outbreak we would have to follow the Michigan Department of Agriculture Veterinary recommendations. In the case of many diseases all birds at the fair would be euthanized.

Please read enclosed “Backyard Biosecurity “.

You may also research Avian Influenza, Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT), Newcastle Disease, Salmonella Pullorum. They are available on-line.

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If you have taken your birds to any shows please have Proof of Pullorum testing within 90 days.

Again this year, the Michigan Department of Agriculture is conducting research on back yard birds and the Avian Influenza. If you would like to participate please let me know, as they will need consent to test. Last year they tested about 20 to 25 birds.

Cages used to haul birds to and from fair grounds should be clean and sanitized before coming to the fair. Some in prior years have had years of dropping on which can contain disease.

In the past there have been a few birds come in which have not been washed. Birds must be clean or they will be sent home.

Feeders / Waters - Using a disposable coffee can or milk jug is encouraged as these should NOT be taken home. If you bring a feeder/ water container that has been used prior to the fair they will have to be sanitized prior to putting in cages. You should also sanitize these again before using at home.

Breed class and Show birds - will be tagged with white leg band to help identify owner of each bird. You may know your bird but tags will help identify them when you are not present. These tags will be removed at the end of the fair, disinfected and reused next year.

Breed class and Show birds should be segregated from all other birds for 30 days when returned home to make sure no diseases go home with your birds.

Disease prevention is everyone’s responsibility and much easier and less costly than an outbreak. Our youth deserve to show their hard work and have a GREAT FAIR!

If you have any questions please contact Poultry Superintendent Sheila Grifka @ 989-658-2568.