



**California Poultry Health Board
NPIP Part 145
Small Flock Breeder Program**

How Do I Join the Program?

- Request information
- Sign Signature Form and return to the CA Poultry Health Board
- Mail the \$50 Annual Fee and the \$50 Flock Certification fee for a total of \$100 with Signature Form. Both fees are paid in one payment and will cover required fees for the year. Make check payable to **California Poultry Federation.**

Flock maximum is 100 birds. An additional surcharge of \$150 will be added for flocks over 100 birds and will be invoiced at the time of testing. The maximum number of additional birds will be allowed at the discretion of the California Poultry Federation. At the time of testing, if the flock is a greater number of birds than at the time of joining the program on the application form, the CPF Animal Health Tech will not stay on the premise. All flocks 25% higher than the program allows (125 birds) will be instructed to join the regular California Health Board Program and not qualify for this subsidized program.

- The Small Flock Program is capped at 50 members statewide. If the program is full, a wait list will be started and new members added as current members drop out. **Currently, the Program is full and a wait list has been created for those wishing to wait for a slot. A flockowner is welcome to join the regular NPIP program if they choose not to wait for the subsidized small flock program.**

How Do I Qualify for the Program?

First Step

- Flocks must be **100 breeder birds** or less
- Birds must be a minimum of 16 weeks of age
- Your flock will need to be tested for Pullorum-Typhoid and Avian Influenza
- Flocks are tested 2X annually and only in the months of January, April, July or October each year. Your flock is tested every 6 months, (so if your start month is January, the second testing would be July and so on)
- **If flockowner cancels the agreed upon testing appointment less than 2 weeks prior to the date, the next testing will not be scheduled until the next test month, or the second test month, as time permits**
- Blood samples will be drawn **(flockowners must band each bird with ID numbers)**
- 100% of the birds are tested for Pullorum-Typhoid (1x/year)
- 30 birds are tested for Avian Influenza (2x/year)
- **Blood samples are sent to the California Animal Health and Food Safety (CAHFS) lab for testing. All samples must be negative before acceptance into National Poultry Improvement Plan.**
- **Reactor birds (positives) must be isolated from the rest of the flock and blood tested again within 30 days of the original test.** If any of those positives again result in a positive result, that bird(s) will then be submitted to the state lab for a necropsy. The bird will be humanely euthanized and will not be returned to the flockowner. If any reactor birds cannot be retested via serum within the 30 days due to distance

constraints, the flock will need a 100% retest at the next test month before advancing to the second step. **Alternative methods of retest can be discussed with the NPIP coordinator if flockowner wishes to proceed before next testing.**

- Pullorum-Typhoid and Avian Influenza are considered “reportable” to the State Veterinarian. In the event of a positive flock, depopulation of the flock is a consideration.

Second Step

- Once all blood samples are negative, a flock inspection is arranged with a regional California Dept. of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) veterinarian. There is no cost for the inspection. **The CDFA veterinarian will contact you directly to set up the appointment.**
 - The CDFA vet will send the flock inspection report to CPHB

Third Step

- Once CPHB has the final lab results and completed flock inspection, the flockowner will receive an official NPIP membership number
- Each flockowner will be assigned a user name and password for the electronic VS 9-3 form, which will be used for any shipments into other states
- **The length of time required to fulfill these steps could range from 2-4 months**

Flockowner Responsibilities

- **The flockowner is responsible each year for a \$50 annual fee and a flock certification fee of \$50 for a total of \$100 paid upon joining the program. Each subsequent year while participating, fees are billed July 1 and due within 30 days. If fees are not paid, the flock will be put on “Inactive” status until the account is brought current.**
- The flockowner shall abide by the NPIP protocols and provisions while a member
- Birds must be kept on original premises at all times while in the program
- **A flockowner will be dropped from the subsidized program due to multiple infractions of membership, but will have the choice to join the regular, unsubsidized program**
- **A flockowner will be dropped from the program if testing dates are cancelled and not rescheduled. Test appointments are made by our testers and ganged by geographical areas**
- Currently, CPHB has special funding from USDA for AI monitoring, which means we can underwrite the cost of blood sampling and lab testing. Because the program is maintained via this special program, the flock is required to be tested for AI 180 days from initial testing. If the special funding is no longer available, the flockowner is responsible for both drawing blood and the lab fees associated with the blood tests, or withdrawing from the program.

**Please note the NPIP Administrator only works on the Small Flock Program in the CPF office on Wednesdays. All emails and voicemails will be answered on that day. Please use email address: monicanpip@cpif.org

[NPIP Website](#)

Please read the protocols required for membership in Part 145, Subpart E. Click on the [9-CFR link](#). The two programs you will be participating in are Pullorum-Typhoid Clean and H5H7 AI Clean. Please make sure to pay attention to the [145.14 Testing](#) section. 145.14(a)(6)(ii) explains the protocol for reactor birds to Pullorum.

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