



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

**How Do I Join the NPIP Program?**

- Read **Step #1** on the Small Independent Flock Breeder Program webpage
- Make a budget for your plan including all costs **Step 2**
- Find a private veterinarian or vet tech to complete required blood draws for testing **Step 3**
- **Step 4** Submit the Checklist Online form and wait to receive the Signature Form and return to the CA Poultry Health Board.
- Request Signature Form and return to the CA Poultry Health Board
- Mail a check for the \$125 Annual Fee with a completed Signature Form. Make check payable to **California Poultry Federation**. Or if you want to use a credit card, we will email an invoice.

**How Do I Qualify for the Program?**

**First Step**

- Birds must be a minimum of 16 weeks of age
- Work with your private veterinarian or vet tech on testing protocols and scheduling
- Your flock will need to be tested for Pullorum-Typhoid and Avian Influenza
- Flocks are tested 2X annually
- 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. Please call the CAHFS lab if shipping samples to discuss protocols. Additionally, you can find information on shipping, etc. at <https://cahfs.vetmed.ucdavis.edu>. All samples must be negative before acceptance into National Poultry Improvement Plan. Do not sell, ship or process any birds until the lab results are returned, as reactor birds might show in the results.
- 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 will occur.

**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 \$125 annual fee paid with application **and** a flock certification fee of \$65. **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.**
- Find a private veterinarian or vet tech
- The flockowner is responsible for all costs associated with blood sampling, including veterinarian fees. The California Poultry Health Board supplies vials and syringes for sampling and pays state CAHFS lab fees
- The flockowner shall abide by the NPIP protocols and provisions while a member
- Birds must be kept at all times on the original premises while in the program

\*\*Please note the NPIP Administrator only works on the Small Independent Flock Program in the CPF office on Wednesdays. All emails and voicemails will be answered on that day. Please use email address: [monica@cpif.org](mailto:monica@cpif.org)

#### [NPIP Website](#)

[Click here for the NPIP website](#). Then click on the [9-CFR](#) link on the left side of the page. Please read the protocols required for membership in Part 145, Subpart E. 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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