



**California Poultry Federation—NPIP Official State Agency (OSA)**

**Backyard Flock—*Independent Program***

*The flock owner is responsible for all program costs*

**Part 145 (Breeder Program)**

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**Quick Guide to Become NPIP Certified**

- Email [Art Razo](#) (Include Name, Location, Number of Breeders)
- Flocks size—**30 birds minimum – 100 birds maximum** (*Breeder birds*)
- Birds must be a minimum of 16 weeks of age
- Create a budget for all program costs
- [Complete & Submit the Online Checklist](#)
- Complete & Submit Application w/ Payment
- Coordinate Testing—Authorized Agent (Veterinarian, Vet Tech., CPF Authorized Agent)
- Inspection (OSA Authorized Inspector)
- NPIP membership number

**Flockowner Responsibilities**

- The flockowner is responsible for all program costs.
- The flockowner is responsible each year for a \$75 annual fee and a \$75 flock certification fee, a total of **\$150 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 current or dropped from the program.**
- The flockowner shall abide by the NPIP protocols and provisions while a member
- Birds must be kept on the original premises at all times while participating in the program
- Find an OSA Authorized Agent—The Official State Agency has designated qualified persons as “Authorized Agents” to complete the testing required in [Part 145.14](#). The flock owner is responsible for all fees for hiring a Veterinarian, Vet Tech, or CPF Authorized Agent. CPF will provide vials and syringes for sampling.
- Lab Fees—CPF receives special funding from the USDA for AI monitoring. While funding is available, CPF will cover the associated lab fees.
- A flockowner will be dropped from the Independent program due to multiple infractions of membership.

## Testing

- Each bird needs to be banded with an ID number before the blood is drawn
- Birds must be a minimum of 16 weeks of age
- Scheduling must be coordinated by the approved OSA authorized agent—Veterinarian, Vet tech., or CPF Authorized Agent. Follow all testing protocols.
- Flocks are tested 2x annually

### Pullorum-Typhoid (PT) and Avian Influenza (AI)

*Flock testing is in a 6-month interval*

#### 1) 1x/year—PT and AI testing

A Technician will contact you to schedule your testing. 100% of the birds are tested for PT, 30-birds are tested for AI.

### Avian Influenza (AI)

*Flock testing is in a 6-month interval*

#### 2) 1x/year—AI testing

The flockowner will complete the AI testing and will receive a test kit with instructions and supplies. Only 11 birds are tested for AI. Testing must be completed within one week of receipt and sent to the CAHFS Davis lab.

- Blood samples are sent to the California Animal Health and Food Safety (CAHFS) lab for testing. Contact the CAHFS lab for shipping samples to discuss protocols. [Click here](#) for more information. All samples must be negative before being accepted into the National Poultry Improvement Plan.
- Do not sell, ship, or process any birds until the lab results are returned, as reactor birds might show up 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 retests result in a positive again, that bird(s) will then be submitted to the state lab for a necropsy. The bird will be euthanized humanely and will not be returned to the flock owner. If any reactor birds cannot be retested via serum within 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 retest methods can be discussed with the NPIP coordinator if the flockowner wishes to proceed before the 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.

## Inspection

- Once all blood samples are negative, a flock inspection is arranged by the Official State Agency (OSA). There is no cost for the inspection. **You will be contacted directly to coordinate the flock inspection.**
- The OSA will receive the approved flock inspection report and apply for your NPIP number.

### [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 Pullurom-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.*