



California Poultry Federation—NPIP Official State Agency (OSA)
Backyard Flock—*Subsidized Program*
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
- Complete & Submit Application w/ Payment
- Coordinate Testing
- Inspection (OSA Authorized Inspector)
- NPIP membership number

**Flockowners are welcome to join the Independent NPIP program if they choose not to wait for the Subsidized Program.*

*The **Subsidized Program** will be capped once we reach a maximum number of members statewide. If the program is at capacity, a waitlist is available ([See Website](#)). New members are added as current members drop out.*

Flockowner Responsibilities

- 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 and 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
- 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 grouped by geographical areas
- CPF receives 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 reduced or no longer available, the flockowner is responsible for conducting the 6-month AI test.

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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
- 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. 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.