

RABBIT AND POULTRY NEWS

RABBIT AND POULTRY CANCELLATIONS – This year you will not be receiving a cancellation letter for rabbit and poultry entries. Please call the UW-Extension Office at (715) 258-6224 by August 10th with any cancellations. You can leave a message day or night. **It is very important you call with any cancellations so there are not so many extra open cages**

POULTRY HEALTH RULES: 2017-2018 Waupaca County Fair Book: Poultry and waterfowl from within Wisconsin need: A NPIP certificate stating that the birds originate from a US pullorum-typhoid clean or NPIP affiliate flock and turkeys must test negative for Mycoplasma gallisepticum, or A DATCP-issued certificate stating they are from a Wisconsin Tested or Associate Flock and turkeys must test negative for Mycoplasma gallisepticum or Individually test sexually mature birds within 90 days before arrival at the show. These birds also need wing or leg band ID. All birds must test negative for pullorum-typhoid, and turkeys must test negative for Mycoplasma gallisepticum. Poultry and waterfowl from outside Wisconsin need a certificate of veterinary inspection or equivalent (such as form VS 9-3) that states: They originate from a flock classified pullorum-typhoid clean under NPIP or an equivalent state program and turkeys must test negative for Mycoplasma gallisepticum, or If they are sexually mature, that they have tested negative for pullorum-typhoid (and Mycoplasma gallisepticum for turkeys) within 90 days before arrival at the show. These birds also need wing or leg band ID. **Proper health papers must be presented to a superintendent when you bring in your exhibits on entry day or your animals may be sent home.**

Poultry Papers for Fair

The proof of NPIP status from a hatchery (sale bill/receipt) is not acceptable for proof of pullorum typhoid clean birds. The reason for this is that this bill/receipt is only good for proof of purchase, not show purposes. Exhibitors will need to submit this NPIP form along with an application for Wisconsin Associate Flock Status. You will then be considered a WI Associate Flock and will have an ID number from the Department of Agriculture. The application for WI Associate Flock can be found at <http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Poultry/index.aspx>. You cannot apply for this if the birds from the hatchery are comingled with other birds already on your premise – this requires other testing. **We would also ask that on entry day all poultry entries please use the east door on the new addition for entries. ABSOLUTELY NO BIRDS CAN BE COOPED UNTIL PAPER WORK IS APPROVED. Please have your papers in order.**

Pullorum Testing

If you are still in need of somebody to test your poultry go to the following website for certified testers and contact information <http://datcp.wi.gov/animals/poultry/index.aspx>

TURKEYS

There have been some questions about requirements for exhibiting turkeys. Here are some guidelines:

- Turkeys purchased with NPIP status are eligible for show with a Wisconsin Associate Flock certificate if they **have not been comingled** with any other poultry on the owners premise.
- Turkeys purchased with NPIP status which have comingled with other poultry are eligible ONLY IF ALL other poultry on the premise have received negative tests (equal to Wisconsin Tested Flock certification).
- If you have hatched your own turkeys and they are under 6 months of age, they may not be shown unless the breeders have received a negative test and all other poultry on the premise also receive a negative test.
- Blood draws must be sent to the Barron Lab. You should have any blood draws done the first two weeks of August to insure results are returned to you before the fair.

BARN REMINDERS

Make sure you have enough feeders and waterers for your animals. Cut off water & pop bottles are not acceptable.

Be aware while transporting animals in extremely hot weather. Extreme temperature changes (i.e., heat to air conditioning to heat) can cause extreme stress. Less stress would be caused if just hauled in an open aired vehicle. If the weather is extremely hot, try to bring your animals in the early morning or late evening when it is cooler. Always try to have fresh water available. Water is also available on the west side of the new addition to the poultry and rabbit barn.

RABBIT AND POULTRY BARN DISPLAY

Again this year, rabbit and poultry project members will have the opportunity to make a club display to be hung in the small animal barn at the County Fair. There can be one display per club (if there are members in both rabbit and poultry, the display would be shared between the projects). If you need details call the UW-Extension Office at (715) 258-6230.