

Poultry Exhibition Permit FAQ

Q: Why is Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry (ODAFF) asking Avian Exhibitions to sign these forms now?

A: Due to the increasing number of poultry sales, auctions, and swap meets and the increased threat of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and other poultry diseases, we believe it is important to make sure that places where poultry commingle from multiple sources and disperse to multiple sources follow the law to help keep poultry safe and to be able to trace potentially exposed or infected poultry in case of disease outbreaks.

Q: Is this something new?

A: No. Poultry exhibitions have filled the forms out and submitted them for years.

Q: Are there laws that require this?

A: Yes

Q: What are they?

A: *Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC) 35:15-1-1*

(a) This Chapter relates to statutes assigned to the Animal Industry Services with responsibility for Animal Health.

(b) The division is responsible for the detection, eradication, and control of livestock and poultry diseases and parasites. Specific responsibilities include detecting, controlling and eradicating livestock diseases on farms and ranches, in auction markets, feedlots and other concentration points throughout the state; monitoring the interstate and intrastate movement of animals and poultry to verify compliance with state and federal laws, rules, and regulations; controlling the use of vaccines and biologics; and preventing the spread of diseases transmissible to man.

OAC 35:15-19-4

(a) Domesticated fowl including chickens, turkeys, game chickens, game birds, or waterfowl over four (4) months of age and intended for breeding, meat, or egg production purposes shall not be imported into the state unless they:

(1) Have originated from a National Plan source which is U.S. pullorum-typhoid clean or equivalent with a NPIP 9-3, or

(2) Have passed a negative agglutination test for reportable salmonella groups within ninety (90) days prior to import, have received a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection within thirty

(30) days, and individual ID by leg/wing band.

(b) All poultry under four (4) months of age, including baby chicks, started chicks, turkey poults, started poults, other newly hatched domestic poultry, game chickens, game birds, waterfowl, and hatching eggs shipped, brought into, or offered for sale in Oklahoma, except those intended for immediate slaughter, shall:

(1) Have originated from a NPIP Pullorum-Typhoid clean breeder flock and shall be accompanied by a NPIP VS Form 9-3 or an APHIS VS form 17-6;

(c) Exhibition poultry are subject to the following:

- (1) Any poultry or other domestic fowl being exhibited in Oklahoma shall be free of visible evidence of disease, and*
- (2) Have passed a negative test for reportable salmonella groups within ninety (90) days prior to exhibition, with the results recorded on an official form from the state of origin certifying that the testing was done by a permitted tester of that state, or*
- (3) Have originated from negative or clean flocks authoritatively participating in the disease control and eradication phases of the National Poultry Improvement Plan or NPIP approved state plan, and*
- (4) Be from flocks not known to be infected with reportable salmonella groups.*
- (5) Poultry qualifying under 2 or 3 may be imported without an official health certificate if accompanied by an approved state or NPIP form.*
- (6) All exhibition poultry shall be identified by an official leg or wing band unless they originate from a negative or clean flock authoritatively participating in the National Poultry Improvement Plan or NPIP approved state plan.*
- (7) Application of official leg or wing bands shall not be required for birds tested on the exhibition premise for a specific event. Birds tested and not identified with an official leg or wing band shall be tested prior to entering any future exhibitions.*

OAC35:15-19-4. Written records

The permittee shall be responsible for maintaining a list of the names and addresses of all exhibitors for each exhibition. The permittee shall keep these records and make them available to any authorized agent for inspection or photocopying for at least one (1) year after the date of the exhibition.

Q: Do I have to sign the agreement?

A: Yes. If you don't, you may lose your permit to hold the exhibition.

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(d) All persons holding poultry exhibitions in Oklahoma shall obtain a permit from the State Veterinarian prior to the exhibition. Those persons holding multiple exhibitions at the same location may apply for a permit by listing the dates and times of all exhibitions scheduled during a fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30.