

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 setup.**

POULTRY HEALTH RULES: Please refer to page 3 of the fair premium book to review the health rules. 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. Also remember to bring the poultry certification form required by DATCP (you should have received this in the mail recently).

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

You will have a one-time opportunity to have your birds tested for the fair on Saturday August 6th from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the fairgrounds. Due to the extremely high cost of antigen there will be a fee charged per bird. We will not do blood draws for turkeys. See more detail on the reverse side.

If you are still in need of somebody to test your poultry after this date 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.

POULTRY PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

Contact the UW-Extension Office for more information about the following poultry project opportunities at the state level.

- Pullet Surprise Youth Contest – The Wisconsin International Poultry Club invites interested youth to apply. Each applicant must submit an entry of 500 words or less on specific topics and be between the ages of 8 and 18 as of January 1, 2016. Winners will receive a pair of show quality purebred fowl and more. Essays must be postmarked by August 20, 2016.
- 2016 Youth Poultry Poster Contest – Open to any youth 18 years and under with an interest in domestic poultry. There are three age divisions. Photos, drawings, pictures, charts, and graphs are all permitted. The poster can have any educational poultry theme. Entries must be postmarked by September 1, 2016.
- Avian Quiz Bowl Competition – Three or four member teams made up of 4-H members up to age 18 are quizzed on various aspects of poultry and eggs. The quiz bowl will be held on September 24 in Portage, WI. Advanced registration due by September 1, 2016. For more information or to register contact Ron at rpkean@wisc.edu More information can be found at www.ca.uky.edu/national4hpoultry/AvianBowl.html

Poultry Pullorum-typhoid Testing

Saturday, August 6, 2016

7:30-10:30 a.m.

Waupaca County Fairgrounds, Weyauwega

\$1.00 per bird

Questions Contact: Terri 715-863-1144 or Russ 715-412-1301

All poultry and waterfowl must originate from flocks designated as US Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or NPIP Affiliate Flock and accompanied by a NPIP certificate or originate from a WI Tested Flock or WI Associate Flock and be accompanied by an enrollment certificate provided by the department certifying that they are a WI Tested Flock or WI Associate Flock. Sexually Mature birds(over 4 months old) who do not meet the requirements may qualify with documentation of a negative test for Pullorum-typhoid conducted within 90 days prior to arrival to show and maybe individually identified with a wing band or leg band.