The National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) is a cooperative Federal-State-Industry mechanism for controlling certain important diseases of poultry. It is a voluntary program developed by the USDA in 1935 and consists of a variety of programs to control egg-transmitted and hatchery-disseminated diseases. It establishes standards for evaluation and certification of poultry flocks and hatching eggs with respect to freedom from certain poultry diseases. Over 95 percent of the U.S. breeding and hatching industry participates in the program. In Florida, the NPIP is administered by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS). Participation in the NPIP is voluntary, but flocks must first qualify as “Pullorum-Typhoid Clean” as a condition for participating in other NPIP programs.

Florida NPIP Program

Raising chickens, turkeys, and other types of poultry – whether done for profit or pleasure – entails undertaking the serious responsibility of disease prevention. The objective of the Florida NPIP Program is to monitor for and prevent/control poultry diseases that could be devastating to the state’s poultry industry. Part of this objective is to provide education and assistance to backyard flock owners (non-commercial birds and other poultry) about flock best management practices for disease prevention and control, sanitary environments for raising poultry and implementing biosecurity measures to protect one’s flock from diseases as well as preventing spread of diseases to other flocks.

Program Diseases

In order to protect Florida’s poultry industry from serious disease outbreaks, the Florida NPIP Program conducts disease surveillance activities at both commercial and non-commercial poultry farms and hatcheries throughout the state for the following diseases: Pullorum-Typhoid, Avian Influenza and Exotic Newcastle Disease. These diseases are highly contagious and pose a serious threat to the economic viability of the state’s valuable poultry industry. Non-commercial poultry owners can help ensure that Florida’s poultry industry is not affected by these diseases.

The NPIP program consists of different subparts.

Subpart B: commercial egg industry
Subpart C: commercial meat industry
Subpart D: commercial turkey industry
Subpart E: exhibition and game birds

NAME: ____________________________________________
ADDRESS: ____________________________________________
CITY: ____________________________________________
STATE/ZIP: ____________________________________________
PHONE NUMBER: ____________________________________________
E-MAIL: ____________________________________________
TYPE OF BUSINESS: _____HATCHERY
_____INDEPENDENT BREEDING FLOCK

Please complete this form and contact:
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Yes! I want more information on the Florida NPIP Program.
Participation in the NPIP Program

To become an NPIP Participant, you must:

- Complete and submit an application for participation to the FDACS, Division of Animal Industry
- Have your premises and facilities inspected and approved
- Have your flock tested negative for Pullo-rum-Typhoid

Participation helps to ensure a healthy poultry industry in the state of Florida, and allows flock owners greater ease in moving hatching eggs and live birds within the state and across state lines to shows and exhibitions. If your flock qualifies, a certification card and flock approval number will be issued to the participant by the FDACS. To maintain your NPIP status, your flock must be tested annually.