Transporting + Selling Birds

SMALL FLOCKS COLLABORATIVE

What to Know

Scenario	Pullorum-Typhoid Test Required	Paperwork Required	May Need Import Permit or AI Testing
Selling birds out of state	Yes	NPIP Flocks: VS 9-3 Others: CVI	Yes, depending on state
Taking birds to an out-of-state event	Yes	NPIP Flocks: VS 9-3 Others: CVI	Yes, depending on state
Shipping hatching eggs	Often required (check state rules)	NPIP Flocks: VS 9-3 Others: CVI	Yes, depending on state
In-state show or fair	Check event rules	Not needed	Check event rules

Definitions

Avian Influenza (AI) Testing

A laboratory test that checks birds for avian influenza viruses, especially H5 and H7 strains. Some states require proof of recent AI testing or NPIP "Avian Influenza Clean" status for movement, exhibition, or sale.

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)

An official health document issued by a licensed veterinarian. It shows that your birds have been examined, are healthy, and meet the import requirements of the destination state.

Import Permit

Written authorization from the State Animal Health Office that allows poultry or hatching eggs to enter the state. Some states require an import permit in addition to a CVI or VS 9-3. Always check with the state you are importing to.

National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP)

The NPIP is a voluntary USDA program for poultry breeding flocks, hatcheries, dealers, and hatching eggs. NPIP focuses on diseases such as Pullorum, Typhoid, and Avian Influenza. Certified flocks are tested regularly and can use the VS 9-3 form for interstate movement.

Pullorum-Typhoid (P-T) Testing

A blood test that checks if birds carry Pullorum Disease or Fowl Typhoid, two contagious poultry diseases. All states require proof of P-T Clean status before birds can be moved, shown, or sold. This can be met either through a recent negative P-T test or by being part of an NPIP participating flock, where testing is done routinely.

State Animal Health Official (SAHO)

The state veterinarian who oversees animal health programs and sets requirements for moving animals, including poultry, into or within the state. Contact the State Animal Health Office to confirm testing and paperwork rules before traveling with birds or hatching eggs.

VS 9-3 Form

A shipping form used by flocks enrolled in the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP). It verifies that poultry or hatching eggs come from a flock that meets NPIP disease testing standards. Only NPIP flocks in good standing with their state program can use this form.