Transporting + Selling Birds: FAQ

SMALL FLOCKS COLLABORATIVE

What to Consider

Transporting or selling birds across state lines requires testing and paperwork. Always check the rules for your destination state. You can find resources and specific state rules at **healthybirds.info** under "Selling or Moving Birds."

1 - Do I need testing and paperwork to cross state lines?

Yes, you will need testing and official forms if you are:

- Selling or moving live poultry into another state.
- Bringing birds to a swap, fair, or show in another state.
- Shipping hatching eggs across state lines.
- Always check before you go by contacting the state animal health official or event organizer in the state you are traveling to.

2 - What testing is required to move across state lines?

Disease testing requirements:

- All states require Pullorum-Typhoid (P-T) testing with negative results. Blood collection is required for P-T testing.
- Some shows and events within your state may also require P-T testing.
- Other disease testing may be required.
- Contact your veterinarian or the state animal health official in the state you are traveling to about import requirements.

3 - What paperwork is required to move across state lines?

One of the following movement documents is requirements:

- VS 9-3: for current NPIP certified flocks, provided through your state NPIP Office
- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI): issued by a licensed veterinarian, typically not needed if you are in the NPIP
- Some state may require a permit number for the CVI. This would be obtained by your veterinarian.

4 - What should I plan for ahead of time?

- **Schedule Ahead**: Testing and paperwork take time. Schedule P-T testing and any needed veterinary visits several weeks before travel.
- **Keep All Records**: Retain VS 9-3 forms, CVIs, and sales logs for at least 3 years. These records may be requested during audits or for future movement.
- **Know Who to Contact**: If you have questions, contact your state animal health official. Each state sets its own requirements, so always confirm before you travel.

5 - Are the rules different for fairs, shows, and events?

Always check before you go!

- Contact the event organizer and the state animal health official in your destination state.
- **Out-of-state events**: Same as interstate movement (negative P-T test + official movement paperwork). Import permits or AI testing may also be required.
- **In-state events**: Rules vary. P-T testing may be required based on the state or event organizer.