



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Pullorum-Typhoid Testing for the Texas Fowl Registration Program

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1. What are the Pullorum-Typhoid Testing Requirements?

The Pullorum-Typhoid (PT) Program was enacted by the 65th Texas Legislature, requiring all domestic poultry (chicken, guinea, pheasant, quail, peafowl and turkey) offered for sale, trade, or used to produce offspring for sale or trade to be tested for pullorum and typhoid and found to be free of infection. In addition, the program requires all poultry going to public exhibition or public sale to be found free of infection or originate from a certified clean flock.

2. Who manages the Texas PT Program?

The Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) in College Station, TX. To learn more about their program, visit <https://tvmdl.tamu.edu/poultry/>.

3. Does the Texas Animal Health Commission have their own PT Program?

No. The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) works in partnership with the PT Program housed at TVMDL.

4. What is TAHCs involvement in the PT Program?

TAHC livestock inspectors are authorized PT testing agents. While TAHC inspectors are authorized to test for PT, they only test fowl registered in the Texas Fowl Registration Program.

5. What is the Texas Fowl Registration Program?

Sellers, distributors, or transporters of live domestic or exotic fowl in this state must register in the TAHC Texas Fowl Registration Program. To learn more about registration requirements and the program, visit www.tahc.texas.gov/animal-health/poultry/#frp or call your TAHC Region Office.

6. When will TAHC come out and test my flock for PT?

If you are registered in the Texas Fowl Registration Program, the TAHC will conduct PT testing during your initial flock enrollement or annual program renewal.

7. How much will it cost for TAHC to test my flock?

The cost of testing is included in the annual Texas Fowl Registration Program fee.

8. As a member of the Texas Fowl Registration Program, can my birds only be tested by a TAHC representative or can I use another Authorized Testing Agent?

Your birds can be tested by any Authorized Testing Agent. Proof of test must be presented to a TAHC representative at the time of inspection.

9. If I am not registered in the Texas Fowl Registration Program, who can PT test my flock?

Any Authorized Testing Agent can PT test your birds. To find an agent near you visit tvmdl.tamu.edu/poultry/flock-owner-information/find-a-pt-tester/.

10. When did TAHC livestock inspectors start PT Testing?

TAHC inspectors were authorized to start testing in 2022 after being identified as an additional resource for the PT Program. This was in an effort to help ensure flock owners are able to get their flock tested as required by law.

11. Do TAHC livestock inspectors have to follow the same rules as Authorized Testing Agents?

Yes. The TAHC has to follow state laws for PT testing just as other Authorized Testing Agents.



12. If I am an Authorized Testing Agent and enrolled in the Texas Registered Fowl Registration Program, can I test my own birds?

Yes, current active Authorized Testing Agents can test their own flocks.

13. Will TAHC conduct H5/H7 Avian Influenza testing?

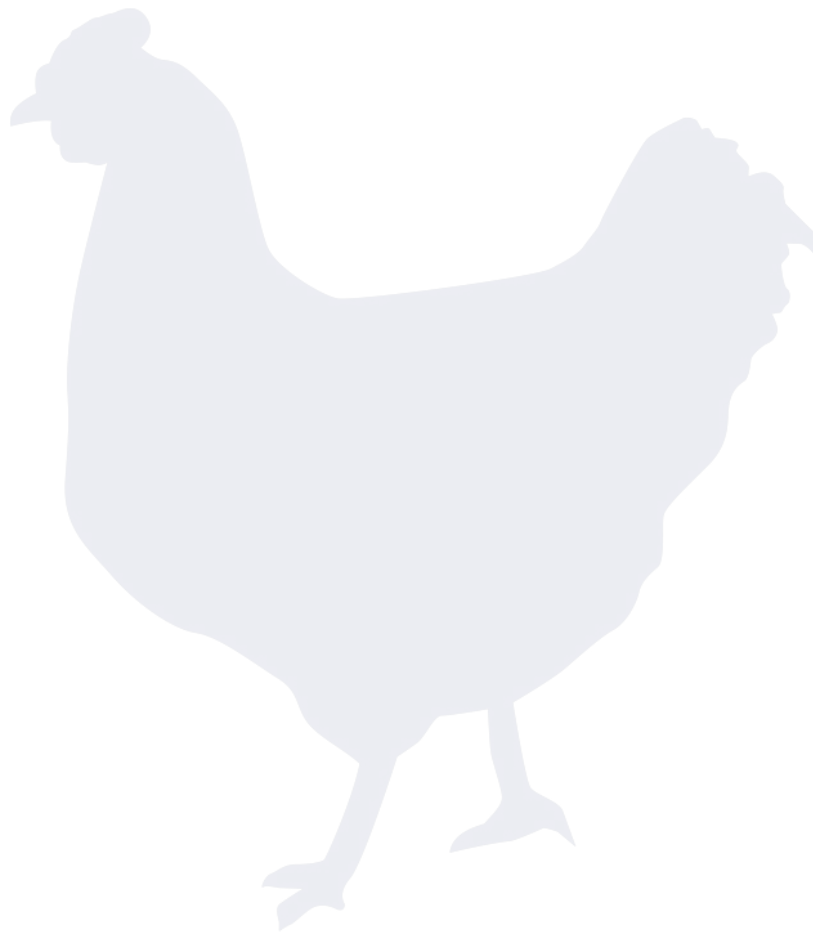
No. The only testing the TAHC will conduct is PT testing for flocks enrolled in the Texas Fowl Registration Program.

14. Is the PT Program doing away with Authorized Testing Agents?

No. Authorized Testing Agents continue to test flocks for PT. To find an agent near you visit tvmld.tamu.edu/poultry/flock-owner-information/find-a-pt-tester/.

15. Is the TAHC taking over PT Testing?

No. TAHC Inspectors are an additional resource to Texas Fowl Registration Program flock owners needing to be tested to comply with state laws.



For more information about the Texas Fowl Registration Program visit

www.tahc.texas.gov/animal_health/poultry/

