



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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2026 POULTRY EXHIBITOR'S SELF CERTIFICATION OF ANIMAL HEALTH AND BIOSECURITY STATEMENT

A completed Poultry Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health and Biosecurity Statement Form must accompany all market and exhibition birds, hatchlings, and avian products, including eggs to any Maryland Fair, Show, or Exhibition. The certificate must be presented to exhibition management prior to cooping of birds or display of hatchlings and avian products, including eggs. The form must be endorsed with the signature of the owner of the birds, hatchlings, and avian products, including eggs.

Name of Owner:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	
Name of Exhibition:	
Address of Exhibition:	

I, the undersigned, hereby verify the following:

I am the owner / authorized caretaker / transporter (circle one) of the poultry identified on this form.

1. I understand that poultry showing any signs of, or having recent exposure (within 21 days), to contagious or infectious disease are not permitted to enter the fair/show premises. These conditions include but are not limited to the following:
 - a. **FEATHERS:** No signs of feather loss or evidence of mite or lice egg clusters.
 - b. **HEAD:** No eye discharge, crusts or swelling of the eyes or around the head.
 - c. **RESPIRATORY:** No nasal discharge, rattling cough or distressed breathing
 - d. **INTESTINAL:** No evidence of pasted vents, chalk-white feces or diarrhea.
 - e. **OTHER:** No unusual mortality in the last 30 days in the flock.
2. I have visually examined the poultry listed below that I am presenting for exhibition within the last 24 hours.

Band #	Age	Sex	Breed

(CONTINUATION PAGE AVAILABLE IF MORE THAN 10 BIRDS)



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3. I agree to observe my birds daily throughout the length of the event. If any signs of illness are noticed, I will alert the event animal health staff and comply with their decisions regarding my animal(s).
4. I agree not to present for exhibition, poultry showing any signs of contagious or infectious disease, or having any known recent exposure (within 21 days) to any contagious or infectious disease.
5. I have read and understand the MDA animal rejection policy as stated in the 2026 fair and show requirements.
6. I have read and understand the below biosecurity statement:

POULTRY BIOSECURITY STATEMENT

Biosecurity measures for all market and exhibition birds, hatchlings, and avian products, including eggs include a biosecurity plan which is followed on the premises where the source flock is located to include the guidelines listed below at minimum:

- Visitors to bird housing areas are restricted.
- Anyone visiting the bird housing area should have clean clothing and should have used hand sanitizer or washed their hands before handling birds, eggs, or related equipment.
- Designated footwear or footwear that has been cleaned and disinfected is worn in the bird housing area by anyone entering the area. A clear line of separation exists at the entrance to the bird housing area.
- All eggs for exhibition are maintained in a biosecure manner, separate from birds and other avian products, prior to entry into the exhibition.
- All conveyances, including transport vehicles, coops, crates, boxes, and other containers used to transport market and exhibition birds, hatchlings, and avian products, including eggs to an exhibition are cleaned and free of visible manure, litter, or other debris.
- All coops, crates, boxes, and other containers used to transport market and exhibition birds, hatchlings, and avian products, including eggs to an exhibition shall be disinfected with a product effective against the avian influenza virus and allowed to dry before use.
- All exhibitors should follow the current biosecurity guidelines, Keeping Your Show Animals Healthy: Guidelines for Exhibitors, available in the MDA's 2026 Fair and Show Requirements.

7. I have read and understand the above guidelines and that the information provided represents a true and accurate statement regarding my market and exhibition birds, hatchlings, and avian products, including eggs, and their home flock(s).

Owner Signature:	
Owner Printed Name:	
(PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST SIGN FOR CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18)	Date:

