Maryland Poultry
REGISTRATION FORM
Registration is MANDATORY by authority of:
Agric. Art., Section § 3-804.
Annotated Code of Maryland

(Please print all information)

Poultry Caretaker’s Name: ________________________________________________
First Middle Last

Phone: ( ) - ___________ Cell: ( ) - ___________ E-mail: ____________________

Mailing Address: _________________________________________________________

Physical Address: (If PO Box is used): _______________________________________

City __________________ State: _____ Zip: ______ - _____ County: _______________

Number of locations to register: ______ (Please register each location separately)

Address of kept birds: (If different than prior address): ___________________________

City: ______________________ State: _____ Zip: ______ - _____ County: _______________

Domestic Poultry: (Check ALL that apply, include the number of birds maintained during the last 12 months)

☐ Chickens # _________ ☐ Game Birds (chucker’s, pheasants, quails) # _________
☐ Ratites (ostriches, emus) # _______ ☐ Turkeys # ______________
☐ Waterfowl (ducks, geese, swans) # _______ ☐ Pigeons or Doves: # __________
☐ A pond is located on the ☐ A body of water is located near this property

Exotic Birds: (Registration of Exotic Birds is voluntary)

___________________ #______ ____________________ #______ ____________________ #______

(Check ALL that apply)

Purpose of flock: ☐ Auction ☐ Contracted ☐ Hobby/Pet ☐ Live bird Slaughter/Market
☐ Own Consumption ☐ Show/Competition ☐ Other: __________________________

What were the sources for the birds ☐ Auction ☐ Commercial ☐ Mail Order
☐ Neighbor ☐ Retail ☐ Self-Raised ☐ Other: __________________________

National Poultry Improvement Program certified? ☐ No ☐ Yes #___________

Completed by: _____________________________ (signature) Date: ________________

Questions: 410-841-5810 (phone), 410-841-5999 (fax), animalhealth.mda@maryland.gov (e-mail)
Return form to: MD Dept. of Agriculture Poultry Registration, 50 Harry S. Truman Pkwy, Annapolis, MD 21401
MDA E-14 (Rev. 2/10)
Maryland Department of Agriculture
Mandatory Poultry Registration
As of January 2010, over 3400 flocks have been registered

**Why a poultry registration program?** This program helps protect the Maryland domestic poultry industries from the spread of diseases such as avian influenza.

**Who needs to register?** All individuals involved in keeping or caring for all types of poultry and any number of birds, which would includes: Small households, all forms of live poultry production, production facilities/farms, suppliers, dealers, haulers, wholesalers, live bird markets, and participants in MD’s fairs and shows. By definition poultry includes: Chickens, turkeys, ratites, waterfowl, game birds and domestic/captive pigeons.

**Who is exempt from registration?** Registration is not required if five (5) or less birds are housed for less than 120 days in a 12 month period. Exempt premises may not have other poultry on the property. Poultry can not be moved from the exempt premises, participate in shows or be sold. Examples of exempt poultry: Easter chicks, school or 4-H broiler projects and certain pets.

**Who is already registered in the program?** 1. Contract poultry growers have been registered by their poultry company. 2. Layer flocks enrolled in the MDA Egg Law program and MDA certified flocks have been registered by MDA.

**Exotic Bird registration is voluntary** and is not mandatory. However, if your birds are associated with high risk activities, registration is recommended. High-risk activities include: showing, trading, breeding, multiple bird households and activities which involve commingling with poultry or other birds.

**§3-101 Registration Confidentiality:** Public Information Notice: The Department of Agriculture shall maintain the information provided in this form in a manner that protects your identity. The Secretary of Agriculture, however, may disclose identifying information if he determines, after consulting with the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, that such disclosure is necessary to protect the public health or prevent the spread of an infectious or contagious disease.

**QUESTIONS on the Poultry Registration Program:** Call 410-841-5810

Visit our website: mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Pages/poultry.aspx

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From:

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