

# BACKYARD POULTRY SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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CAHFS provides specialized necropsy examinations for birds from backyard flocks. For the purposes of this program, a “backyard flock” is defined as chickens, turkeys, squabs and water fowl of less than 1,000 birds in the flock. Up to two birds may be examined for \$25 (shipping fees apply).

It does NOT include pet birds, quail, pheasants, racing pigeons, etc. Standard fees apply for these species.

Note: Bird carcasses may be kept refrigerated for no more than three days prior to shipment. Please do not freeze the bird as freezing interferes with the necropsy examination.

To ship a dead bird from a backyard flock for necropsy, the following items will be needed:

- Submission form (plus a completed copy to place in envelope outside of box)
- Two (2) plastic bags (trash bags are suitable)
- Ziploc type or waterproof bag for paper work
- Cold packs, frozen
- Absorbent packing material such as newspaper or paper towels
- Cardboard box (insulated preferred)
- Packaging tape

Packaging instructions:

1. Complete the submission form and place in a Ziploc type bag, **separate** from the carcass (see #5 below).
2. Place the bird carcass in a plastic trash bag and tightly seal the bag to prevent leakage.
3. Add frozen cold packs (NO ICE CUBES!) to a second plastic trash bag. Place the bag containing the carcass into the bag with the cold packs and seal carefully to prevent leakage.
4. Add newspaper or paper towels to the box to absorb any moisture and prevent the box from getting soiled while in transit.
5. Put the Ziploc bag with the submission form in the box at the top opening of the container and **separate** from the carcass. If able, please tape an additional copy of the submission form outside of the box in an envelope in order for CAHFS personnel to easily identify what is in the box prior to opening.
6. Seal the box with packaging tape and ship for Next Day delivery via FedEx, UPS, or similar overnight delivery service. DO NOT send by the U.S. Postal Service. Packages must be shipped to arrive at the laboratory on a weekday.

Reporting results:

We highly recommend having a veterinarian involved in your case as CAHFS does not provide treatment, management or disease prevention recommendations.



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Accn # [ ] Rec'd by: \_\_\_\_\_
CC: \_\_\_\_\_ Accn Type: \_\_\_\_\_
# of Samples: \_\_\_\_\_ Date rec'd: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_
Paid: [ ] Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Owner Name \_\_\_\_\_
Clinic Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ranch \_\_\_\_\_
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_
Bill to: [ ] Vet [ ] Clinic [ ] Owner [ ] Other \_\_\_\_\_ Report to: [ ] Clinic [ ] Owner
[ ] If UC Recharge Acct # (required): \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Add'l Copy to: \_\_\_\_\_
Bill to address if different than above: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred reporting method: [ ] fax, [ ] email, and/or [ ] mail
Email notification of sample receipt? Yes [ ]

Sample Reference \_\_\_\_\_ Date sample(s) collected \_\_\_\_\_ Date sample(s) shipped \_\_\_\_\_
[ ] Cattle [ ] Turkey If testing for animal movement please specify:
[ ] Horse [ ] Chicken [ ] Domestic [ ] Export out of U.S.
[ ] Swine [ ] Psittacine Animal being shipped to: \_\_\_\_\_
[ ] Sheep [ ] Goat (Specify test methods below) Destination / Date of Shipment
[ ] Rabbit [ ] Plant or Feed Current Location of Animal(s) \_\_\_\_\_
[ ] Other \_\_\_\_\_ Production Class \_\_\_\_\_ (county, state)
(i.e. beef, dairy, calf ranch, etc.)

Table with 2 columns and 4 rows: #in herd/flk, #in group/hse, #sick, #died

History (clinical signs, nutrition, housing, vaccination, treatment, production level, etc. Use next page if more space is needed.):
Duration of Illness: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of death: \_\_\_\_\_ Euthanized? Yes [ ] Method/Agent used: \_\_\_\_\_ Insured? Yes [ ] No [ ]
Treatments/Medications (type & when given): \_\_\_\_\_
Disease(s) or condition(s) suspected: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal/Specimen Information (continue on back)

Table with 8 columns: Lab Use, Animal Name/Specimen ID, Breed, Sex (F/M), Age in Units (days, weeks, months, years), Qty, Specimen Type, Test(s) Requested

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Signature of Submitter: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

