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To: 4-H members enrolled in Poultry Projects

From: Kayla Nihiser, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development

We are very happy to see that you have selected a poultry project! We are now offering a Pullorum Test in Hocking County for our youth who are taking these projects. You will need to provide the testing NPIP 9-2 Form given to you at testing the day you arrive on the grounds with your birds. **Pullorum Testing will be August 24, 2025 – 10AM to Noon in the Poultry Barn.** There is no fee associated with the testing. If you would like to donate to the Fair Board to buy future Testing Antigen that is welcome.

Per Ohio Poultry Association and Ohio Department of Agriculture, for 2025 exhibitions, Pullorum testing is required for chickens, turkeys, as well as non-waterfowl like guinea fowl, pheasants, and quail unless they have paperwork that they come from an NPIP flock/hatchery.

Hocking County Note: All of the market chickens ordered have come from an NPIP hatchery. They do not have to be Pullorum tested. Market ducks/geese and waterfowl and are exempt from Pullorum testing. Market Turkeys that came from an NPIP certified hatchery do not need to be tested. (with proper paperwork stating so) If Market Turkeys are not from an NPIP Hatchery, they must be tested by a vet. Be sure to bring your NPIP paperwork to fair check in.

- Those that need tested are Fancy and production chickens, guinea fowl, pheasants, and quail if they did not come from an NPIP hatchery within the last 12 months
- The rapid whole blood plate test is only intended for use in chickens and other species listed above; NOT for turkeys. A different test must be used for turkeys. They must be tested by a vet.
- Doves, pigeons and waterfowl are exempt from testing in Ohio.

Please direct questions to Kayla at the Hocking County Extension Office.

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