

2025 Health Standards

DEPARTMENTS 90, 94 & 96 - POULTRY & RABBITS

- All domestic fowl shall have a certificate of health from a state livestock official which shall document that the fowl have been tested and found negative for Pullorum-typhoid disease or originate from a pullorum-typhoid clean or passed flock, tested within the past 12 months.
- All poultry must arrive between 1pm-5pm Wednesday before the fair opens for state health inspection and testing.
- An Animal Health Specialist from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets will be available on Wednesday between 1pm-5pm to test poultry.
- All fowl must be free of visual evidence of avian influenza, infectious bronchitis, coryza, Pullorum-thyphoid, fowl-pox, external parasites and laryngotracheitis.
- No rabbits or fowl under eight weeks of age in lots of less than six may be offered for sale, or sold, displayed, or given away.
- Due to the ongoing threat of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), we are not accepting waterfowl entries in 2025.
- For rabbit exhibition recommendations and biosecurity information, please visit the State of Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets website here.

Animals being imported from outside the state of Vermont must comply with the established rules governing the importation of domestic animals including livestock and poultry. The New England Health Certificate rules may be found here.

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, Food Safety and Consumer Protection Division, Vermont State Veterinarian's phone number: 802-828-2421. Animal Health Recommendations for Vermont Fairs, Field Days and Festivals may be found as a pdf file here or as a link to the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets website here.

The Poultry/Rabbit Superintendent reserves the right to turn away any animal deemed unfit or unsafe for exhibition.