



Becoming a Pullorum Tester Common Questions and Answers

Q: As a Pullorum tester, can I certify a flock as NPIP?

A: No. The only person who can certify a flock as NPIP is an OPA Authorized Agent. As a Pullorum tester you can certify a bird as Pullorum Clean when you test at a show or auction at that test is good for 90 days. You may also go to the location the birds are housed and perform a Flock test which is good for 1 year.

Q: Can I charge to test?

A: Yes. We ask you keep the fee at a reasonable amount, such as \$1-\$2 per bird.

Q: Can I test my own birds?

A: Technically Yes, however we ask you to find another tester whenever possible. We understand finding testers isn't always easy so testing your own birds is allowed. Keep in mind, Pullorum is a reportable disease and any positive must be reported to the Ohio Department of Agriculture right away.

Q: Do I have to renew my certification?

A: Yes, the Pullorum certification is \$50 and good for 5 years. At the time of your expiration, OPA will contact you to let you know of upcoming classes if you wish to renew.

Q: Who provides the supplies for testing?

A: You are responsible for purchasing your own testing supplies. Antigen is manufactured by AVS Bio ([avsbio-2023-catalog](#), Pg 6) but can also be purchased from Stromberg's [Stromberg's](#), [Cutler Supply](#), and [Twin City Poultry Supplies](#).

[If you are interested, click HERE to register and pay.](#)

Contact jgregorich@ohiopoultry.org with further questions.

If you or someone you know has high unexplained/abnormal mortality or expects disease contact Ohio Poultry Association: (614) 882-6111 or ODA: (614) 728-6220 Or After Hours (888) 456-3405.