

Ohio Poultry Association
Bird Health and Regulatory Coordinator

The Ohio Poultry Association (OPA) is a dynamic organization representing Ohio's egg, turkey and chicken farms, processing and allied industries. Caring for consumers and Ohio poultry farms by providing leadership to responsibly produce safe, affordable, and wholesome food is our prime mission. An integral part of our mission is providing for bird health programs. OPA is seeking a qualified individual who is energetic and hard working to join our Bird Health team.

Position Summary:

The Bird Health and Regulatory Coordinator supports the OPA Regulatory and Bird Health Director. This position is responsible for the management of avian health programs. These programs include general bird health and welfare programs, the National Poultry Improvement Plan, egg quality assurance programs and youth education initiatives.

Working Relationships:

OPA is a small, but vibrant office – a true team environment. This position reports directly to the Regulatory and Bird Health Director and ultimately to the OPA Executive Vice President. The position is based in Columbus, Ohio. In state and out of state travel are required.

DUTIES:

BIRD HEALTH – OPA is the Ohio Official State Agency for the National Poultry Improvement Plan (**NPIP**). This is an official USDA program with industry support and leadership. USDA provides oversight and national leadership and staff. Ohio NPIP also works closely with the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory. OPA also administers the Ohio Egg Quality Assurance Program (**OEQAP**).

- Oversee annual flock qualifications, sampling, testing protocol and records of Ohio's NPIP Subpart E – Exhibition and Backyard flock programs.
- Producer/flock visits will be required, which will include active sample collection and testing.
- Oversight of Ohio's mail order hatcheries, including flock qualification testing, hatchery audits and inspections, sampling and testing protocol.
- Maintain all bird health/NPIP record databases and regulatory paperwork. Assist with processing laboratory and NPIP invoicing.
- Organize and implement Ohio's Pullorum Certification, Avian Influenza, and Egg Quality authorized tester training classes.
- Maintain inventory of bird health program equipment and supplies.

SMALL FLOCK OUTREACH COORDINATION – The State of Ohio is seeing an influx of small, commercial poultry operations. OPA will support the needs of these small flocks, which will contribute to the overall wellbeing of the Ohio poultry community.

- Develop an outreach effort and cultivate relationships with small commercial flocks.

- Inform and encourage OPA membership for small flocks.
- Assist producers with biosecurity planning, regulatory programming, record maintenance, and testing protocols.

YOUTH and PUBLIC EDUCATION

- Strengthen and expand OPA's engagement in youth education initiatives, including partnerships with 4-H and FFA.
- Coordinate OPA's biosecurity outreach and educational efforts at the Ohio National Poultry Show.
- Support bird health and biosecurity education and programming at the Ohio State Fair.
- Lead outreach and education efforts for Ohio's NPIP Subpart E – Exhibition and Backyard Flock programs.
- Manage bird health communications, including responding to inquiries, coordinating NPIP program requests, and distributing educational resources.

OTHER DUTIES

- Work cooperatively with OPA staff, State and Federal USDA and ODA staff on all issues affecting the Ohio poultry industry.
- Attend local, state and national NPIP, USDA, ODA and OPA meetings as required.
- Assist OPA staff on industry-wide events, programs and projects.
- Other duties as assigned or appropriate.

Qualifications, Skills, Abilities and Personal Characteristics:

Minimum Bachelor of Science in Animal Sciences or Poultry Science, or equivalent experience. It is recommended the applicant have a working knowledge of the NPIP and general poultry industry.

- Strong leadership and management skills. Ability to motivate and lead. Ability to work successfully with all levels of employees and internal groups/teams.
- Ability to think and act strategically with the capacity for growth in strategic thinking.
- Strong problem-solving skills, and proven project management and continuous improvement experience and coordination of multiple projects simultaneously.
- Open and direct communicator; excellent verbal and written communication skills. Focus on accuracy and detail.
- Sound judgment and unwavering ethics.
- Self-motivation, independent work habits
- Strong computer skills.
- Reliable transportation.

How to apply: If you are interested and feel you meet the qualifications for this opportunity, submit your resume, cover letter and references for consideration to info@ohiopoultry.org.

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