



# Poultry

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Poultry includes but is not limited to chickens, turkeys, game birds, and other domestic fowl.

For exotic fowl (ostriches, emu, rheas, kiwi, etc.) movement requirements please visit the [Exotic Livestock and Ratites Movement Summary](#).

<b>Interstate Movement</b> (Out-of-State Moving into Texas)	<b>Intrastate Movement</b> (Texas Moving within Texas)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Prohibited and Restricted Movement:</b> Live poultry, unprocessed poultry, hatching eggs, unprocessed eggs, egg flats, poultry coops, cages, crates, other birds, and used poultry equipment affected with, or recently exposed to, infectious, contagious, or communicable disease, or originating in state or federal quarantined areas must not enter Texas without express written consent from the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) Executive Director. Entry into Texas may be granted on a case-by-case basis only after permission is granted from the TAHC (<a href="#">4 TAC §51.5</a> &amp; <a href="#">§57.11(e)(3)</a>). Contact TAHC at 1-800-550-8242.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Note:</b> Live domestic poultry requesting entry from states affected with avian influenza or infectious laryngotracheitis must meet additional requirements. Please refer to item five of this section.</li> </ol> </li> <li> <b>Certificate of Veterinary Inspection:</b> A certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) is required within 30 days prior to entry into Texas (<a href="#">§51.2(b)</a> &amp; <a href="#">§57.11(e)(1)</a>), unless otherwise noted or excepted.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Note:</b> Additional statements or language may be required on the CVI for specific species and diseases (<a href="#">§51.2(b)(2)(C)</a> &amp; <a href="#">§57.11(e)(1)</a>). Contact TAHC at 1-800-550-8242.</li> <li><b>Exception:</b> Poultry consigned to slaughter establishments, which maintain federal postmortem inspection, provided the shipment is accompanied by a waybill indicating the plant of destination (<a href="#">§57.11(e)(2)</a>).</li> <li><b>Exception:</b> Baby poultry which have not been fed or watered if from a national poultry</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Prohibited and Restricted Movement:</b> Poultry and/or premises must be placed under quarantine when evidence of infection or possible exposure to any contagious and/or communicable disease not considered to be endemic exists in Texas. A quarantine shall remain in effect until epidemiological evidence of the existing disease or exposure thereto is satisfied. After due consideration of epidemiological evidence, the TAHC Executive Director may cause the quarantine to be released (<a href="#">4 TAC §57.11</a>). Contact the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242.         </li> <li> <b>Certificate of Veterinary Inspection:</b> Poultry are not required to obtain a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI), unless otherwise noted.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Note:</b> Poultry entered in terminal public exhibition events shall be accompanied by a certificate of source which identifies the flock (<a href="#">§51.4(a)(2)</a>).</li> <li><b>Exception:</b> Poultry entering a non-terminal public exhibition that includes out-of-state poultry must be accompanied by a CVI (<a href="#">§51.4(a)(2)</a>).</li> </ol> </li> <li> <b>Exhibition and Event Requirements:</b> <a href="http://www.tahc.texas.gov/regs/entry.html#show">www.tahc.texas.gov/regs/entry.html#show</a> </li> <li> <b>Testing Requirements:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Pullorum-Typhoid:</b> Poultry offered for public sale or trade at markets such as trade days, flea markets, auctions, or any other public sale, or entered in public               </li> </ol> </li> </ol>



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<p>improvement plan (NPIP) or equivalent hatchery, and accompanied by NPIP Form 9-3 or Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Form 17-6, or have an approved "Commuter Poultry Flock Agreement" on file with the state of origin and the TAHC (<a href="#">§51.3(a)(7)</a>).</p> <p>2.3.1 <u>Note</u>: Please refer to item four of this section for NPIP testing requirements.</p> <p>2.4 <u>Owner-Shipper Statements</u>: An owner-shipper statement may accompany certain poultry in lieu of a CVI in the following instances:</p> <p>2.4.1 Poultry delivered to slaughter by the owner or consigned there (<a href="#">§51.3(a)(6)</a>).</p> <p>3. <b>Entry Permit</b>: An entry permit is required within 15 days prior to entry, unless otherwise excepted. Entry permits may be obtained at any time by calling 512-719-0777, or 1-800-550-8242, ext. 777, or by emailing the TAHC at <a href="mailto:permits@tahc.texas.gov">permits@tahc.texas.gov</a>.</p> <p>3.1 <u>Exception</u>: Baby poultry which have not been fed or watered if from a national poultry improvement plan (NPIP) or equivalent hatchery, and accompanied by NPIP Form 9-3 or Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Form 17-6, or have an approved "Commuter Poultry Flock Agreement" on file with the state of origin and the TAHC (<a href="#">§51.3(a)(7)</a> and <a href="#">§51.3(c)(2)</a>).</p> <p>3.2 <u>Owner-Shipper Statements</u>: An owner-shipper statement may accompany certain poultry in lieu of an entry permit in the following instances:</p> <p>3.2.1 Poultry delivered to slaughter by the owner or consigned there (<a href="#">§51.3(a)(6)</a>).</p> <p>4. <b>Testing Requirements</b>:</p> <p>4.1 <b>Pullorum-Typhoid</b>: A negative pullorum-typhoid test is required within 30 days prior to shipment or poultry must originate from flocks that meet the Texas Pullorum-Typhoid Program and/or the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) (<a href="#">§57.11(e)(1)</a>), unless otherwise excepted.</p> <p>4.1.1 <u>Exception</u>: Baby poultry, which have not been given feed or water, if from a NPIP or equivalent hatchery and accompanied by a NPIP Form 9-3 or an APHIS Form 17-6; or, are covered by an approved "Commuter Poultry Flock Agreement" on file with the state of origin and the TAHC (<a href="#">§57.11(e)(1)</a>).</p>	<p>exhibition must originate from pullorum-typhoid (PT) clean flocks or hatcheries, or have a negative PT test within 30 days before sale or trade (<a href="#">§57.11(c)</a> &amp; <a href="#">§57.11(b)</a>).</p> <p>5. <b>Other Requirements</b>:</p> <p>5.1 <b>Texas Fowl Registration Program</b>: A seller, distributor, or transporter of live domestic or exotic fowl in this state must register with the TAHC. To register, complete and submit the <a href="#">TAHC Form 04-07</a>. The registration requirements apply to the following groups (<a href="#">§54.2(a)</a>):</p> <p>5.1.1 A seller who sells:</p> <p>5.1.1.1 domestic fowl or domestic and exotic fowl at a location, other than the premise of origin (<a href="#">§54.2(1)(A)</a>), or</p> <p>5.1.1.2 domestic fowl or domestic and exotic fowl at a location where domestic fowl or domestic and exotic fowl are congregated (<a href="#">§54.2(1)(B)</a>), or</p> <p>5.1.1.3 any fowl where it has been epidemiologically determined by the TAHC to be a high risk for disease (<a href="#">§54.2(1)(C)</a>).</p> <p>5.1.2 A distributor of domestic fowl or domestic and exotic fowl (<a href="#">§54.2(2)</a>).</p> <p>5.1.3 A transporter of domestic fowl or domestic and exotic fowl (<a href="#">§54.2(3)</a>).</p>



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<p>4.2 <b>Avian Influenza:</b> Live domestic poultry must meet the following requirements in addition to the requirements listed in <a href="#">§57.11</a>, unless otherwise excepted.</p> <p>4.2.1 The poultry must originate from a flock that is certified as avian influenza (AI) clean in accordance with the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) and accompanied by a CVI (<a href="#">§51.15(b)(1)</a>) and a NPIP 9-3 form; or</p> <p>4.2.2 The poultry is from an AI negative flock that participates in an approved state-sponsored AI monitoring program and accompanied by a CVI with <a href="#">correct statements</a> included (<a href="#">§51.15(b)(2)</a>); or</p> <p>4.2.3 The poultry must test negative within 30 days of entry as outlined below and accompanied by a CVI with <a href="#">correct statements</a>:</p> <p>4.2.3.1 Originate from a flock in which a minimum of 30 birds, 4 weeks of age or older, or the complete flock, if fewer than 30, are serologically negative to an Enzyme Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) or Agar Gel Immunodiffusion (AGID) test for AI within 30 days of entry (<a href="#">§51.15(b)(3)</a>), or</p> <p>4.2.3.2 Originate from a flock where a minimum of 10 birds (e.g. two pools of 5 birds per house) are tested negative on tracheal swabs to a real-time reverse-transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RRT-PCR) test within 30 days of entry or negative to other tests approved by the TAHC (<a href="#">§51.15(b)(3)</a>).</p> <p>4.2.4 <b>Exception:</b> Owners of poultry entering for slaughter and processing at a slaughter facility owned or operated by the owner of the poultry (<a href="#">§51.15(b)</a>).</p> <p>5. <b>Other Requirements:</b></p> <p>5.1 <b>States Affected with Avian Influenza:</b> Live domestic poultry from states affected with avian influenza (AI) may enter Texas for slaughter and</p>	<p><i>Poultry intrastate movement requirements are listed on page 1.</i></p>



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<p>processing only under the following circumstances (<a href="#">§51.15(b)(4)</a>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.1.1 Specific written permission must be granted by the TAHC prior to entry (<a href="#">§51.15(b)(4)</a>). Requests may be made at any time by calling 512-719-0777 or 1-800-550-8242, ext. 777.</li> <li>5.1.2 AI negative test results within 72 hours of entry by either of the following methods (<a href="#">§51.15(b)(4)</a>), unless otherwise excepted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.1.2.1 A minimum of 30 birds per flock are serologically negative to an ELISA or AGID test for AI (<a href="#">§51.15(b)(4)</a>); or</li> <li>5.1.2.2 A minimum of 10 birds (e.g., two pools of 5 birds per house) are tested negative on tracheal swabs to a RRT-PCR test (<a href="#">§51.15(b)(4)</a>).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>5.2 Infectious Laryngotracheitis Affected States:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.2.1 Live domestic poultry broilers from states affected with infectious laryngotracheitis (ILT) and vaccinated with chick embryo vaccine may enter for immediate slaughter and processing only under the following conditions (<a href="#">§51.15(b)(5)</a>): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.2.1.1 The request for authorization to bring poultry into the state must be in writing and must include a proposed route to slaughter that would not pose a disease risk to Texas poultry. Entry permits may be obtained at any time by calling 512-719-0777, or 1-800-550-8242, ext. 777, or by emailing the TAHC at <a href="mailto:permits@tahc.texas.gov">permits@tahc.texas.gov</a>.</li> <li>5.2.1.2 The initial request must be approved by the TAHC Executive Director prior to entry of the poultry (<a href="#">§51.15(b)(4)</a>).</li> </ul> </li> <li>5.2.2 Replacement poultry entering from a designated area for ILT must be vaccinated twice (no earlier than four weeks of age and again at least four weeks later) with cell culture (eye drop) modified vaccine before being housed</li> </ul>	<p><i>Poultry intrastate movement requirements are listed on page 1.</i></p>



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<p>for egg production. A certificate of vaccination must be on file with the owner, farm manager, and the TAHC. Prior entry permit and CVI with vaccination history are required for poultry originating out-of-state (<a href="#">§57.11(i)(1)</a>).</p> <p><b>5.3 Fowl Registration Program:</b> All out of state sellers, distributors, or transporters of live domestic or exotic fowl that transact business in Texas must register under <a href="#">§54.2</a> and <a href="#">§54.4</a>. To register, complete and submit the <a href="#">TAHC Form 04-07</a> and <a href="#">TAHC Form 04-10</a>.</p>	<p><i>Poultry intrastate movement requirements are listed on page 1.</i></p>
<b>International Movement</b> (Poultry moved into Texas from foreign countries)	
<p>Contact USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) for international animal requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For Export call 512-383-2411</li> <li>• For Import call 301-851-3300</li> </ul>	