



TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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COMMISSIONER

DIVISION OF CONSUMER & INDUSTRY SERVICES
ANIMAL HEALTH

ORDER OF THE STATE VETERINARIAN

WHEREAS, the state's poultry population generates more than \$500 million in annual revenue for the state and its citizenry;

WHEREAS, protection of the state's poultry population from catastrophic disease is important to safeguarding the state's poultry industry and its effects on state commerce;

WHEREAS, Avian Influenza (AI) may be spread to the state's poultry population through bird-to-bird contact with infected flocks;

WHEREAS, rapid detection and control of AI is instrumental in avoiding and/or controlling outbreak of the disease;

WHEREAS, Pullorum-Typhoid (PT) is a disease capable of negatively and significantly affecting the state's poultry population;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Dr. Charles Hatcher, State Veterinarian of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Tennessee, do hereby order and direct that, beginning August 1, 2015, and until such time as the Department of Agriculture regulates by rule the provision of health documentation and testing for Avian Influenza and Pullorum-Typhoid for poultry import requirements,

1. All live poultry and hatching eggs entering the state from a flock of origin participating in the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) shall be accompanied by a VS 9-3 Form classifying the flock of origin as Pullorum-Typhoid Clean and either Avian Influenza Clean or Avian Influenza Monitored Flock;
2. All live poultry entering the state from a flock of origin not participating in NPIP shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and proof of negative PT and AI testing last conducted on the imported birds. PT testing shall have been conducted within 90 days prior to import. AI testing shall have been conducted by negative antigen detection or serological test and shall have been conducted within 21 days prior to import;
3. All hatching eggs entering the state from a flock of origin not participating in NPIP shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and proof of negative PT and AI testing last conducted on the eggs' flock of origin. PT testing shall have been conducted on all birds in the flock within 90 days prior to the eggs' import. AI testing shall have been conducted by negative antigen detection or serological test on all birds in the flock—up to a maximum sample of 30 birds—within 21 days prior to the eggs' import.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Charles W. Hatcher, DVM
State Veterinarian