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To: Poultry Exhibitors and Show Organizers

From: Linda Hickam, DVM State Veterinarian

As fair and show season approaches, we would like to inform and/or remind you of some items that need to be addressed regarding poultry exhibition. We would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation which helps ensure the health and safety of our animals.

- Please remember to call or email the poultry program at the Missouri Department of Agriculture at least 30 days prior to the event. We need to know pertinent information about the fair or show so we can schedule an authorized tester.
- Ensure the waterfowl (ducks and geese) are separated from other fowl exhibited at the fair or show due to concerns about Avian Influenza transmission in our state. We recommend having a separate area with a minimum of two feet of separation for cages/coops. Waterfowl should be cooped during the show, away from other fowl being shown.
- Please submit records of exhibitors at poultry shows/events at fairs. Provide a list of each exhibitors' name, address, breed and number of birds being shown to an authorized tester before blood testing begins at the show. If an authorized tester is not available to attend your poultry show, please mail the information to the Missouri Department of Agriculture, Poultry Health Program, P.O. Box 630, Jefferson City, MO 65102 or email the information to one of the addresses below.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes implemented to ensure the health of our poultry in Missouri, please contact the following people either by phone or email if you have any questions:

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Thank you for partnering with us in these efforts.

Sincerely,