

Instructions for Completing the Poultry Form

For your convenience, save the pre-filled form and use it as a template. Click on **File**, click **Save As** (when saving it for the first time) or **Save** (when revising a previous template).

Print all applicable pages and submit it to the laboratory along with the sample(s). For cases with a long history, please send the submission form to vetlab@gov.mb.ca as this expedites case entry and transcription. See page 3 for an example of a completed submission form.

Fill in blanks. Information in bold indicates a **required** field:

1. Routine, Legal or Rush
 - a. A chain of custody form should accompany the sample and submission form for legal cases.
 - b. You can access the chain of custody form and fee schedule on our website <http://www.manitoba.ca/agriculture/vds>
 - c. Additional charges may apply if rush requests are accommodated. Please indicate **date results are required** and tests you would like rushed. The fee schedule lists our turnaround times.
2. Commercial, Small Flock, **Flock Size**
 - a. Flock size will determine whether the submission qualifies for subsidized testing.
 - b. For information on the subsidized Small Flock Avian Influenza Program, please visit our website.
3. **Name of Veterinarian, Clinic**, Additional Report To
 - a. Include the first and last name of the veterinarian.
 - b. Clinic is the institution of the referring veterinarian. The referring clinic is billed automatically unless indicated otherwise.
 - c. Referring clinic and billing entity will automatically receive the report. We accommodate requests for reporting to one additional person. Please indicate full name and contact information including phone number and email address.
4. **Owner/Farm Name**
 - a. Include owner's full name (first and last name) and/or farm name.
5. **Farm Location**
 - a. Include the legal land location (e.g., NE 13-3-4E).
6. **Premises #**
 - a. Premises # consists of a 7-digit number (e.g., MB 1234567).

ATTENTION: Important To Note

- a. Premises # and Farm Location are important for traceability and therefore must be provided to receive Manitoba Agriculture supported rates for testing.
 - b. For more information on Manitoba's Premises Identification Program, please visit our website.
7. Reference/Flock ID
 - a. Reference can include any information that helps you match your record to our report (e.g., Barn 2 south side).
 - b. **For serology, submit separate forms for different sex groups and flocks if you want VDS to generate separate titre graphs on reports.**

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8. Production Type

- a. This information is important because some diseases are specific to certain production types.

9. Related Case

- a. It is helpful for us to know the VDS case number of related submissions. Previous results can help with diagnostic plans, test result interpretation and diagnosis.

10. Sample Collection Date

- a. This information allows us to determine the acceptability of the sample for testing.

11. Age and Sex

- a. Providing information on the birds is important when submitting for necropsy as it affects testing and interpretation.
- b. Label samples with farm name and the flock identification number provided on the form. This will ensure sample and form are matched correctly when it arrives to the lab.
- c. **For serology, submit separate forms for different sex groups and flocks if you want VDS to generate separate titre graphs on reports.**

12. History

- a. This helps us to interpret test results and determine what organs to sample during necropsy. Based on the history, we can also make recommendations for additional testing. Start with gathering information:
 - i. Age of birds when problems started (onset, duration)
 - ii. Recent changes in this barn (e.g., maintenance, lighting, ventilation)
 - iii. Is the flock being treated with anything? Vaccinations?
 - iv. Have there been any problems with the flock prior to this?

13. Samples Submitted

- a. Indicate the type and number of samples submitted.

14. Tests

- a. Check off the test(s) you would like performed. If a test is not on the form use the **Send Out** box in the left bottom corner to indicate testing. Specify the test and the laboratory you would like the samples sent to for additional testing. Additional charges for send outs will apply.

15. Name of Submitter

- a. If the submission is coming directly through the clinic, include the veterinarian's name.
- b. If the owner submits the sample/birds to VDS, we may ask for the submitter's full name and contact information in case we have follow-up questions.

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Veterinary Diagnostic Services
545 University Crescent, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 5S6
P: 204-945-8220 E: vetlab@gov.mb.ca
W: www.manitoba.ca/agriculture/vds



☐ Routine ☐ Legal ☒ Rush (advanced notice and history required, fees apply) By August 28, 2025
☒ Commercial ☐ Small farm flock (less than 1000 birds) Flock size 10,000
Referring veterinarian Dr. John Smith Clinic/Institution (of referring veterinarian) Manitoba Veterinary Clinic
Alternative billing (billed to clinic above if not otherwise specified) Manitoba Poultry Distribution
Additional report to (limit of one) Dr. Amanda Protect, aprotect@hotmail.com, cell: 204-345-8967

Information including physical location and premises identification number are required for the purpose of effective reporting and traceability

Owner/Farm name Molly Bloom Farm Farm location NE 13-3-4E, RM of Little Fork
(Legal Land Location and Municipality)
Premises # MB1234567 Reference/Flock ID (info to be included on report) Barn 2 South Side Flock 123

Production type:

☐ chicken pullet ☐ chicken layer ☐ chicken layer breeder ☐ chicken broiler ☐ chicken broiler breeder
☒ turkey meat ☐ turkey breeder ☐ duck ☐ goose ☐ other _____

Related case # _____ Sample collection date _____

Age 10 d ☐ w ☒ m ☐ y ☐ Sex M ☒ F ☐

History (vaccinations, treatments, mortalities, etc.) ☐ table for ID numbers and continued history located on back page

Requesting results by August 28th as birds are being moved August 30th. Experienced an increase in temperature in the barn. Increase in mortalities. Water intake did not increase.

Samples submitted:

live _____ # dead 6 # sera 10 # conjunctival swabs _____ # fecal swabs _____ # infraorbital sinus swabs _____
oropharyngeal swabs _____ # yolk sac swabs _____ # environmental swabs _____ # lung _____ # trachea _____
sponges _____ # dust _____ # fluffs _____ # booties _____ # chick paper _____ fixed: _____
fresh: _____ other: _____

ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY

☒ Necropsy
☐ Histopathology

MICROBIOLOGY

Bacteriology

☐ Culture & Sensitivity
☐ Salmonella culture
(environmental samples)

Mycology

☐ Fungal culture

Parasitology

☐ Direct exam
☐ Fecal flotation
☐ Parasite ID

VIROLOGY

PCR/RPCR

☐ Avian Influenza A virus (AIV)
☐ Avian leukosis virus (ALV) J strain
☐ Avian Metapneumovirus (aMPV) A, B, C
☐ Avian orthoreovirus
☐ Chicken anemia virus (CAV)
☐ Chlamydia psittaci
☐ Infectious bronchitis virus (IBV)
☐ Infectious bursal disease virus (IBDV)
☐ Infectious laryngotracheitis virus (ILT)
☐ Marek's disease virus (MDV)
☐ Mycoplasma gallisepticum (MG)
☐ Newcastle disease virus (APMV -1)
☐ Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale (ORT)
☐ West Nile virus (WNV)

VIROLOGY

ELISA

☐ Avian encephalomyelitis virus (AEV)
☐ Avian orthoreovirus
☐ Chicken anemia virus (CAV)
☐ Infectious bronchitis virus (IBV)
☐ Infectious bursal disease virus (IBDV)
☐ M. gallisepticum & M. synoviae (MG & MS)
☒ M. meleagridis (MM) (turkey only)
☐ Newcastle disease virus (APMV -1)

Send out: Please specify test & Referral Lab

Dr. John Smith

Name of submitter (please print)