



Maryland Poultry REGISTRATION FORM

Registration is **MANDATORY** by authority of:
Agric. Art., Section § 3-804.
Annotated Code of Maryland



(Please print all information)

Poultry Caretaker's Name: _____
First Middle Last

Phone: () - _____ **Cell:** () - _____ **E-mail:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: *(If PO Box is used):* _____

City _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ - _____ **County:** _____

Number of locations to register: _____ *(Please register each location separately)*

Address of kept birds: *(If different than prior address):* _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ - _____ **County:** _____

Domestic Poultry: *(Check ALL that apply, include the number of birds maintained during the last 12 months)*

Chickens # _____ Game Birds (chucker's, pheasants, quails) # _____

Ratites (ostriches, emus) # _____ Turkeys # _____

Waterfowl (ducks, geese, swans) # _____ Pigeons or Doves: # _____

A pond is located on the _____ A body of water is located near this property _____

Exotic Birds: *(Registration of Exotic Birds is voluntary)*

_____ # _____ # _____ # _____

(Check ALL that apply)

Purpose of flock: Auction Contracted Hobby/Pet Live bird Slaughter/Market
 Own Consumption Show/Competition Other: _____

What were the sources for the birds Auction Commercial Mail Order
 Neighbor Retail Self-Raised Other: _____

National Poultry Improvement Program certified? No Yes # _____

Completed by: _____ *(signature)* **Date:** _____

Questions: 410-841-5810 (phone), 410-841-5999 (fax), animalhealth.mda@maryland.gov (e-mail)
Return form to: MD Dept. of Agriculture Poultry Registration, 50 Harry S. Truman Pkwy, Annapolis, MD 21401
MDA E-14 (Rev. 2/10)

Maryland Department of Agriculture
Mandatory Poultry Registration
As of January 2010, over 3400 flocks have been registered

Why a poultry registration program? This program helps protect the Maryland domestic poultry industries from the spread of diseases such as avian influenza.

Who needs to register? All individuals involved in keeping or caring for all types of poultry and any number of birds, which would include: Small households, all forms of live poultry production, production facilities/farms, suppliers, dealers, haulers, wholesalers, live bird markets, and participants in MD's fairs and shows. By definition poultry includes: Chickens, turkeys, ratites, waterfowl, game birds and domestic/captive pigeons.

Who is exempt from registration? Registration is not required if five (5) or less birds are housed for less than 120 days in a 12 month period. Exempt premises may not have other poultry on the property. Poultry can not be moved from the exempt premises, participate in shows or be sold. Examples of exempt poultry: Easter chicks, school or 4-H broiler projects and certain pets.

Who is already registered in the program? 1. Contract poultry growers have been registered by their poultry company. 2. Layer flocks enrolled in the MDA Egg Law program and MDA certified flocks have been registered by MDA.

Exotic Bird registration is voluntary and is not mandatory. However, if your birds are associated with high risk activities, registration is recommended. High-risk activities include: showing, trading, breeding, multiple bird households and activities which involve commingling with poultry or other birds.

§3-101 Registration Confidentiality: Public Information Notice: The Department of Agriculture shall maintain the information provided in this form in a manner that protects your identity. The Secretary of Agriculture, however, may disclose identifying information if he determines, after consulting with the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, that such disclosure is necessary to protect the public health or prevent the spread of an infectious or contagious disease.

QUESTIONS on the Poultry Registration Program: Call 410-841-5810

Visit our website: mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Pages/poultry.aspx

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From:

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Maryland Poultry Registration
Maryland Department of Agriculture
50 Harry S. Truman Parkway
Annapolis, MD 21401