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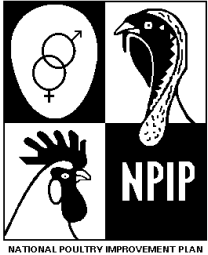
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Request for Proposed Changes to the Provisions and Program Standards of the National Poultry Improvement Plan

To: Official State Agencies, Hatcheries, Independent Flocks, Dealers, and Authorized Laboratories of the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP)

This memorandum is a reminder that all participants, Official State Agencies and other interested persons and organizations, are invited to submit proposed changes to the Provisions and Program Standards of the NPIP for consideration at the **45<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference in Providence, Rhode Island, August 25 - August 27, 2020**. Proposed changes, together with a brief supporting statement for each, should be submitted to the NPIP office in time to reach the NPIP Staff **no later than March 25, 2020**. For your convenience, we have provided a sample template for proposed changes. According to the Provisions of the NPIP, proposed changes shall be submitted in writing so as to reach the Service not later than 150 days prior to the opening date of the Conference, and participants in the Plan shall submit their proposed changes through their Official State Agency. This is your opportunity to offer constructive proposals and changes to improve the Provisions and Program Standards and make them better suited to address Plan disease outbreaks. If you feel that new diagnostic tests, procedures, or protocols are needed, then these should be considered at the Biennial Conference.

The current NPIP Provisions are contained in Title 9, Chapter 1 of the Code of Federal Regulations §§ 145, 146, 147 and 56. The Provisions and the Program Standards are located on the NPIP website:

[www.poultryimprovement.org](http://www.poultryimprovement.org)

Whether or not you have changes to propose, you may wish to have a copy of the proposals which will be considered by the Conference. You will be able to obtain a copy from the NPIP website (listed above) on May 26, 2020. It is recommended that Official State Agencies meet with the various segments of their poultry industry to discuss the proposed changes and elect official delegates prior to the Conference. Changes are adopted by a majority vote of the official delegates and subsequent approval by the Department of Agriculture.

Sincerely,

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