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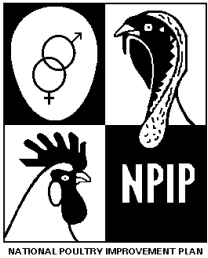
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To: Official State Agencies, Hatcheries, Independent Flocks, Dealers, and Authorized Laboratories of the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP)

Subject: NPIP 46th Biennial Conference and Request for Proposed Changes to the Provisions and Program Standards of the National Poultry Improvement Plan

We are pleased to announce that the **46th NPIP Biennial Conference** will take place **August 27-30, 2024, at the Omni Providence Hotel in Providence, RI**, located at 1 West Exchange Street in Providence, RI. We encourage you to mark your calendars now. In the coming months, more detailed information will become available on the NPIP website, as well as a link to register and reserve your room. For now, please refer to the outline below:

August 27th: Technical Committee and General Conference Committee Meetings

August 28th: General Session; Subpart Committee Meetings

August 29th: Subpart Committee Meetings

August 30th: Closing Session; Voting on Proposals

Also, we invite all participants, Official State Agencies and other interested persons and organizations, to submit proposed changes, along with a brief supporting statement for each, reaching the NPIP office **no later than March 27, 2024**. These proposed changes will be considered at the 46th Biennial Conference in Providence, RI, next year. 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." If you feel that new diagnostic tests, procedures, or protocols are needed, then this is your opportunity to provide these suggestions for consideration 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. Provisions and the Program Standards are located on the NPIP website: www.poultryimprovement.org. We understand that whether or not you have changes to propose, you may wish to have a copy of the proposals. You will be able to obtain a copy of the proposals to be considered at the conference from the NPIP website (listed above) on May 31, 2024. We highly recommend 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 will be adopted by a majority vote of the official delegates and subsequent approval by the Department of Agriculture.

Sincerely,

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