



TIPS TO KEEP YOUR BIRDS *HEALTHY* DURING THE SHOW SEASON

PRE-SHOW

Practice good biosecurity on your farm

- Do not share equipment or other supplies with other flocks
- Limit visitors to your flock and avoid visits to poultry facilities or other backyard flocks
- Wear designated, clean, disinfected footwear when caring for your flock to reduce the risk of contamination with wild bird feces and other contaminants
- Do not allow your birds to mingle with wild birds
 - House indoors or in a screened in area
- Practice pest and rodent control
 - Keep area clean
 - Keep feed covered and clean up spills

Monitor your birds before the show, especially those you plan to take

- Monitor for at least 14 days prior to show
- Watch for changes in food and water consumption which can be an initial indicator of illness
- Monitor for any potential clinical signs including respiratory signs and lethargy
- Isolate sick birds from the rest of your flock & tend to them last
- Report any clinic signs noted to your veterinarian
- REMEMBER ONLY HEALTHY BIRDS CAN BE BROUGHT TO A SHOW, IF ANY BIRDS IN THE FLOCK ARE SICK, DO NOT ATTEND THE SHOW







AT THE SHOW

-  Keep your cages and feed/water supplies clean. Clean and disinfect your cages after the show.
-  Limit contact with any other flocks or wild birds at the show
 - Keep species separate; do not mingle waterfowl and other poultry species
-  Wash hands often and especially after handling birds
-  Monitor all birds on site for clinical signs
 - **If you see something in your flock or any other, notify the person in charge so that birds can be removed and returned home or isolated ASAP**



POST-SHOW

-  Isolate the birds that were at the show for 30 days before returning to flock
 - Monitor for any signs of illness
 - Tend to these birds after caring for the rest of your flock
-  Clean and disinfect all cages and equipment that were at the show before using at home
-  Clean and disinfect footwear worn at show
-  It is recommended that exhibitors wait at least 14 days before attending another event

