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Dear 4-H Poultry Project Members,

South Dakota State University Extension sponsored livestock competitions follow all State animal health rules and regulations. This includes all poultry for shows or exhibitions must originate from a pullorum clean source or be officially tested negative for pullorum disease within 90 days of exhibition. Unfortunately, once again in 2020, there is a shortage of Pullorum antigen used for the Rapid Whole Blood Plate Test which SD Authorized Poultry Testing Agents and veterinarians can perform in the field, and there may not be any available prior to fair season.

What does this mean for my 4-Her?

If your poultry originated from a Pullorum clean source, request official documentation verifying this. Official documentation includes a VS Form 9-3 (with the National Poultry Improvement Plan emblem on it), a South Dakota Intrastate Report of Sales of Hatching Eggs, Chicks, and Poults, or an invoice from a SD licensed hatchery or chick store with the SD pullorum-typhoid clean emblem. Bring the documentation with you when you obtain your Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) from your veterinarian.

If your poultry do not originate from a pullorum clean source, you will need to pursue other testing avenues. SD Authorized Poultry Testing Agents and Veterinarians can submit a sample to SDSU ADRDL for the Salmonella Pullorum Microagglutination Test (MAT). This will cost \$5 per sample, in addition to the \$10 case generation fee and variable university fees.

We understand that this is not the most favorable situation. However, part of herdsmanship and the lessons we would like to instill in our 4-H producers is the importance of animal health and biosecurity. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep 4-H families updated.

Sincerely,

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