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# Checklist for Biosecurity Auditing

If you participate in the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP), meet certain flock size requirements, and wish to be eligible for maximum indemnity if highly pathogenic avian influenza ever strikes your flock, you will need to complete regular biosecurity audits. These paper-based audits with your NPIP Official State Agent ensure you have a solid biosecurity plan in place and are following it.

Though auditing is not required for other flocks, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) encourages all poultry producers to follow NPIP biosecurity guidance. It's one of the best ways to reduce the risk of introducing diseases to your flock.

 Check the list on the back for tips to help keep your flocks healthy.



## Report Sick Birds

If you see signs of illness, take action right away!

Veterinarian  
Cooperative Extension Office  
State Veterinarian/Animal or Poultry Diagnostic Lab  
USDA

Phone Number

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# ✓ Biosecurity Auditing: What to Expect

If you are an NPIP participant and eligible to be audited based on your flock size, here's an overview of what you can expect during the audit.

- A biosecurity audit is a paper-based audit.** Maintain your biosecurity plan and all related documentation in a place that's easy for you and/or the auditor to access. The NPIP Official State Agent will decide whether to complete the audit in person (with the records) or electronically.
- The auditor will look** at the biosecurity plan, the training materials, documentation that the NPIP principles are being carried out, records of any corrective actions taken, and the biosecurity coordinator's annual review.
- Audits will take place at least once every 2 years**, or a sufficient number of times during that period for the NPIP Official State Agent to ensure compliance.
- If you fail the initial audit, you can request a "check audit."** This onsite audit would be conducted by a team, including a USDA poultry expert, the NPIP Official State Agent, and a licensed, accredited poultry veterinarian familiar with your type of operation.
- After completing a check audit** and showing you've taken corrective actions, you would be reinstated as compliant with NPIP biosecurity principles.

For more information about how to keep your flocks healthy, follow **Defend the Flock** on **Facebook** and **Twitter** and visit [www.aphis.usda.gov/animalhealth/defendtheflock](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animalhealth/defendtheflock).

