



ANIMAL HEALTH CHECKS: POULTRY

BIOSECURITY EDUCATION FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL THE ANIMALS; TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE FAIR

Health checks are the first line of defense in preventing the spread of contagious diseases between humans and animals. Some conditions noted on this checklist may not pose a significant risk; if observed, notify the barn superintendent.

COMPLETE ALL HEALTH CHECKS BEFORE COMING TO THE FAIR!

Health checks shouldn't start the week of the fair, they should be part of your routine care months in advance. Regularly monitoring your animal helps you establish what's normal and allows you to quickly recognize early signs of illness.

By staying consistent with health checks, you help protect your animal, other exhibitors' animals, and the overall safety of the fair.

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General Body

- Overall thriftiness.
- No indication of broken bones, injuries, abscesses, infections, open wounds/lesions, or neurological issues.
- Alert and responsive to stimuli, including ear and head position.
- Bares weight evenly and is fully feathered.
- Bright plumage with no abnormal feather loss, external parasites, or abnormal skin discoloration.

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Nose, Eyes, Comb, Wattle, and Beak:

- Free of respiratory infection, nasal or eye discharge, and excessive salivation.
- Bright clear eyes without signs of injury or infection.
- No sign of lumps, bumps or lesions, parasites, or black spots or scabs.
- Mouth is free of lesions and growths.
- No blockage in nostrils.

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Identification:

- Valid state department of agriculture identification (i.e. state issued leg band); blood test report showing negative for Salmonella pullorum or Npip Flock Cert.

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Feet and Legs:

- No scabs, swelling, redness, discoloration, or lifted or uneven leg scales.
- Bare weights on both legs, no signs of breaks or injuries

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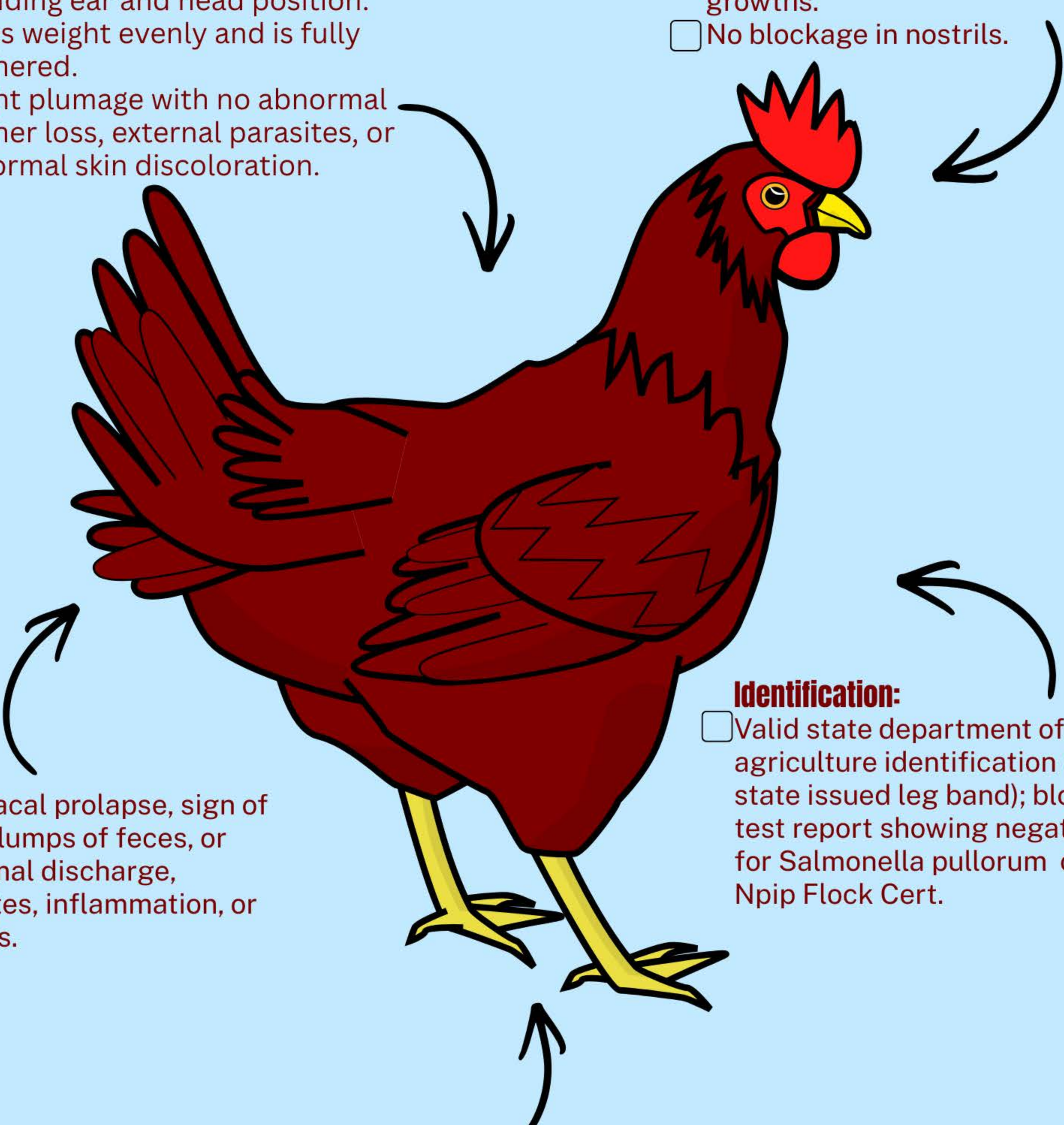
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