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Pullorum-Typhoid Testing Cancelled

All poultry testing for County Fairs in the River Valley Extension District have been cancelled due to a nationwide shortage of antigen needed to conduct pullorum-typhoid testing. Shows will go on as scheduled without the requirement of testing the birds prior to Fairs.

The following message is from Dr. Justin Smith, Animal Health Commissioner with the Kansas Department of Agriculture, “Although we still consider pullorum-typhoid testing important in maintaining pullorum-clean poultry within Kansas, pullorum disease is rare. Due to this low risk of spread of pullorum disease, and the fact that the antigen for testing will not be available, KDA is waiving the requirement for pullorum-typhoid testing until October 1, 2019.”

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