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SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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TO: All Interested Parties
FROM: Dr. Melissa Yates, Assistant State Veterinarian/NPIP Administrator
SUBJECT: Licensing of Private Blood Testers for Pullorum-Typhoid of Poultry

2018 Poultry Blood Testing Schools have been scheduled for **(Wednesday) April 11th** in **Batesville**, **(Wednesday) May 2nd in Little Rock** and **(Friday) May 18th in Fayetteville**.

The School in **Batesville** will be held at the University of Arkansas Livestock & Forestry Research Station, 70 Experiment Station Drive. Coming from Hwy 67/167, take exit 55 toward Batesville. Turn left on US-64/167 for 32 miles, keep right on US-167 Batesville Blvd., turn left on SR-69/White Drive about 10 miles, turn left on Hwy106 about 3-4 miles then turn left on Experiment Station Drive. Registration for the Batesville school will begin at 9:30 am with class convening at 9:40 am.

The school in **Little Rock** will be held at the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service Auditorium, 2301 South University, located between UALR and 12th Street. Registration for the Little Rock school will begin at 8:20 am with class convening at 8:30 am.

The school in **Fayetteville** will be held at the **U of A Pauline Whittaker Animal Science Center**. Take exit 66 off of I-540 and the center is ½ mile on the right. Registration for the Fayetteville school will be at 8:00 am with class convening at 8:10 am.

All classes should end in the early to mid-afternoon. Successful completion of these testing schools will result in the issuance of a Private Blood Tester's license. The licensing schedule is as follows:

- 1st attendance of school - 1 year license
- 2nd attendance of school - 2 year license
- 3rd attendance of school - 5 year license
- Every 5 years thereafter, payment and agreement by mail will be acceptable.

All licenses must be in consecutive order, according to the above schedule, with no disruption in attendance. A licensing fee will be due upon issuance of license - \$22.00 per year. **Please have exact change or money order/personal check.** If more information is needed, please contact:

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