



CASE SUBMISSION SHEET
CANADIAN POULTRY CONSULTANTS LTD.

Post-Mortem Submission Protocols

The careful and thoughtful selection of birds for post-mortem examination is essential for obtaining an accurate diagnosis. Below are some guidelines for humanely and economically submitting birds for effective post-mortem examination:

- **Choose birds that represent the problem in the barn. For example:**
 - If the problem is mortality, choose FRESH dead birds
 - If the problem is lameness/leg issues, choose live, lame birds. These birds can be humanely euthanized on-farm or submitted live.
- **“Cull” birds should not be submitted for serology (blood sampling).**
 - For broilers – blood can be collected at the plant (most economic) or on-farm at the end of the cycle
 - For breeders and layers – blood should be collected on-farm
- **Submit a reasonable number of birds for examination (enough to get an accurate diagnosis but not too many to avoid extra charges for incineration). For example:**
 - Baby chicks – approximately 20
 - Broilers – 6 to 12
 - Breeders and layers – 4 to 8
- **If submitting dead birds, ensure birds are as FRESH as possible**
 - A diagnosis cannot be made if birds are too autolysed (rotten)
 - Intestinal tracts can become too difficult to analyze as soon as 4 hours after death
 - Do not submit dirty birds covered in litter
- **If submitting live birds, ensure that they are transported and submitted in a well-ventilated box or cage and are not over-crowded. Do not submit live birds if it cannot be done both humanely and biosecurely.**
 - Do NOT submit live birds in plastic bags, feed bags, etc. This is a welfare concern and can create ‘false’ clinical signs which could impair attaining an accurate diagnosis.
- **Ensure that all samples for submissions are collected and received using proper biosecurity procedures**
 - All mortality should be treated as if it is potentially infectious.
 - If Avian Influenza (AI) is suspected contact your veterinarian immediately. Do not transport birds or other samples off of the farm.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____



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CASE NUMBER ASSIGNED: _____	REPORT BY: (please tick only one box per contact)			
	MAIL (please list)	E-MAIL (please list)	FAX (please list)	NONE
FARM NAME: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
FARM CONTACT: _____				
FARM ADDRESS: _____				
INVOICE TO: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

PRELIMINARY RESULTS TO: _____ PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____ FAX: _____

TYPE OF BIRD (circle): BROILER / BROILER BREEDER / LAYER / TURKEY / OTHER: _____

SEX (circle): MALE / FEMALE / MIXED

BARN / FLOOR #	AGE	FLOCK SIZE	MORTALITY #	SAMPLES (DEAD / ALIVE)	FEED COMPANY (please tick if RWA, Raised Without Antibiotics)	REASON FOR SUBMISSION	HATCHERY
_____	_____	_____	_____	____ / ____	<input type="checkbox"/> RWA	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	____ / ____	<input type="checkbox"/> RWA	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	____ / ____	<input type="checkbox"/> RWA	_____	_____

* IF SUBMITTING SAMPLES FROM MULTIPLE FLOORS/BARNs PLEASE MAKE SURE SAMPLES ARE CLEARLY LABELED *



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ANY OTHER INFORMATION (vaccination history, mortality, medications given, etc.): _____

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