Directions

From Points North
* Travel south using US Route 1.
* Merge onto US Rt. 113 S (Business) at Milford Del. This will be a right hand exit.
* Follow US Route 113S (Approximately about 16 miles) to the junction of Route 9 (County Seat Highway) at Georgetown, Del. (there will be an Exxon gas station on the right at this light on the southbound lane)
* Turn west (right) onto Route 9 and proceed west approximately 4.7 miles
* You will go past a high school, Sussex Tech, on the right; there is a stoplight at the school
* Continue past the school stoplight approximately 1.5 mile to reach the office buildings on the right.

From Points South
* Travel north using US Route 113N
* Follow US Route 113 N to the junction of Route 9 at Georgetown, Del. (there will be an Exxon gas station at this light on the southbound lane)
* Turn west (left) onto Route 9 and proceed west approximately 4.7 miles
* You will go past a high school, Sussex Tech, on the right; there is a stoplight at the school
* Continue past the school stoplight approximately 1.5 miles to reach our offices on the right.

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Who are we?

The mission of the Poultry Diagnostic Laboratory at the University of Delaware, in Georgetown, Delaware, is to provide diagnostic services to the Delmarva Peninsula commercial and private poultry producers in a timely and accurate manner. The laboratory is committed to support the research and educational programs of the university including interactions with other universities, regulatory agencies, commercial companies and individuals.

In addition to competent personnel and facilities, accurate test results and diagnoses depend upon the condition of the samples submitted for analysis. We hope that these guidelines will be helpful in collecting and submitting quality samples. If there are any questions regarding proper sample collection or preparation, call the laboratory for clarification or specific directives.

Guidelines for Sample Submissions

For all submissions, live or dead, please call Lasher Laboratory at (302) 856-2585 x702.

Dead Birds:

⇒ Call Lasher Laboratory at the number listed above prior to submission.
⇒ Dead birds should be refrigerated, or placed in iced cooler prior to submission. Do NOT freeze.
⇒ Upon submission, be sure to have bird contained in a clean garbage bag or other container that will prevent cross-contamination.
⇒ Walk-in cooler is available for submissions at any time (24/7).
⇒ Complete Accession Form (as noted below).*

Live, Sick Birds:

⇒ Call Lasher Laboratory at the number listed above prior to submission.
⇒ Complete Accession Form (as noted below).*

*Accession forms should be completed for all submissions and should be placed with the bird for proper identification. The more information provided, the more insight and direction the lab will have to provide an accurate diagnosis.

On-site Evaluation Available:

For valuable birds, we can arrange for an on-site evaluation with DDA. Appropriate swabs or blood samples will be taken with minimal stress to the birds. These will be tested for common poultry disease and a full lab report will be provided.

BioSecurity Guidelines:

When handling birds...

- Clean and disinfect your clothing and shoes if you have been near other birds, such as at a bird club meeting or bird fair or at a venue with live poultry.
- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap, water, and disinfectant before and after handling your birds.
- Keep cages, food and water clean on a daily basis.
- Remove feed from bags; place it in clean, sealed containers; and throw bags away.
- Do not borrow or share bird supplies. If you must, clean and disinfect the items before bringing them home.
- Know the warning signs of infectious bird diseases.
- If your bird shows unusual signs of disease or dies unexpectedly, call your avian veterinarian.

For more information about biosecurity and other valuable information to help keep your flock safe, visit the USDA/APHIS website at: www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health.