

Why Disease Prevention Matters

Poultry litter can harbor diseases like:

- Avian Influenza (AI)
- Newcastle Disease
- Salmonella & E. coli
- Mycoplasma

These diseases can be carried to:

- Neighboring flocks
- Wild birds and wildlife
- New farm sites

Poultry litter transported, moved, or sold in counties where commercial primary poultry breeder farms are located must meet strict biosecurity requirements.

Know Before You Move

Movement conditions for transported litter:

- Properly composted for 30 days
- Originate from an Avian influenza negative flock
- Originate from a Mycoplasma free flock
- Test negative for the presence of Salmonella within 30 days of movement
- Obtain a certificate of approval from the WV Commissioner of Agriculture for transport.

NOT ALLOWED:

- Raw/uncomposted poultry litter into restricted counties
- Any poultry litter or swine manure movement within a ONE-MILE radius of primary poultry breeder farms is ILLEGAL.
- Transport without approved certificate

Best Practices for Poultry Litter Movement

Know the Source

- Only accept litter from healthy flocks
- Ask about flock disease status
- Avoid litter from recently depopulated farms

Follow Transport Protocol

- Cover loads to prevent spillage
- Use dedicated equipment or sanitize between uses
- Maintain transport logs (origin, date, amount, destination)

Apply Responsibly

- Avoid spreading on wet, frozen, or saturated soil
- Incorporate into the soil quickly to limit exposure to wildlife

The Commissioner of Agriculture has the authority to regulate, restrict, permit, certify, test, and enforce all activities related to the movement of poultry litter and swine manure into areas with commercial primary poultry breeder operations. This includes setting composting and pathogen testing standards, issuing documentation, and pursuing legal action for violations.

For more information, contact WVDA Moorefield Office at 304-538-2397.



POULTRY LITTER MOVEMENT & DISEASE PREVENTION

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Poultry Industry.



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What Is Poultry Litter?

Poultry litter is a mixture of manure, bedding, and feathers, from poultry houses. It's a valuable soil amendment — but also a **potential source of disease transmission** if moved improperly.