

Game Farm Checklist

New Game Farms

Getting Started

1. Fill out the **Game Farm License Application**
2. Send in check for \$142.00

Annual Inspections

1. Have a veterinarian come out and perform a facility inspection (3-page **Licensed Game Farm Facility Inspection Form** included in packet).
2. During June, July, or August, have birds tested for avian influenza. To request testing supplies or instructions, please contact Dana Dobbs at DDobbs@agr.wa.gov or (509) 607-4974.

Annual Reports

1. Fill out the **Licensed Game Farm Annual Report**.
2. No later than the January 15, send the annual report, the facility inspection forms, and receipts for all birds sold/traded.
3. If renewing, send in Special License Application and fee \$118 for renewal.

Current/Renewing Game Farms

Annual Inspections

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Annual Reports

1. Fill out the **Licensed Game Farmer Annual Report**.
2. No later than the January 15, send the annual report, the facility inspection forms, receipts for all birds sold/traded, Game Farm License Application, and a check for \$118.



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Application for Game Farm License for the Year _____

See current fee sheet for license type and fee amount at http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/commercial/license_fees.html

Department Use Only		
License Number	Card #	
License Type	Payment Receipt	
Resident		Non-Resident
Total Fee		
Amount Received		

Type of License						
<input type="checkbox"/> New Game Farm (\$142.00)		<input type="checkbox"/> Game Farm Renewal (\$118.00)				
License Owner(s) ID #						
Last Name		First Name			Middle Initial	
Business Name						
Permanent Address						
Mailing Address						
City	State	Zip Code		Phone Number		
Birthday (M/D/Y)		Sex	Hair	Eyes	Weight	Height
9-digit Unified Business Identifier (UBI) Number			Social Security Number (Only required if you do not have a UBI number)			
Legal description of property (if shooting preserve): Township: _____ Section(s): _____ Quarter Section: _____						
Range: _____		County: _____		Acres: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> I have been a resident of Washington for 90 days And am not licensed as a resident in any other state <input type="checkbox"/> I am not a resident of Washington I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct. _____ Signature of License Holder _____ Date of Signature				Make Fees payable to WDFW License will expire December 31 of Issuance Year Mail applications directly to: Department of Fish and Wildlife Licensing Division PO Box 43154-3154 Olympia, WA 98504-3200 Office Location: 1111 Washington St. S.E. Olympia WA Phone Number: (360) 902-2515 Fax: (360) 902-2162		
NOTE: If this is a new application or if your facilities have been modified since the last reporting period, attach a map or diagram of the facilities.						

This is a public document. Please be advised that the information submitted may be shared with other government agencies.

SPECIES COVERED BY THIS APPLICATION

Common Name	Scientific Name	Number on Hand
Pheasant	<i>Phasianus</i>	
Gray (Hungarian) Partridge	<i>Perdix</i>	
Chukar	<i>Alectoris</i>	
Quail	<i>Lophorhyx, Callipepla, Colinus, and Oreorhyx</i>	
Waterfowl	<i>Anatidae (mute swans not permitted)</i>	

Applicant certifies that all applicable rules and regulations concerning licensed game farmers have been and will be complied with.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Notification Clause

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office of External Programs
4040 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 130
Arlington, VA 22203

Personal Information Provided to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife may be Disclosed Via a Public Records Request

All the information you provide in this application becomes a public record that may be subject to inspection and copying by members of the public, unless an exemption in law exists. The department's policy regarding Privacy Protection and Public Disclosure Requests is available upon request.



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
 Licensing Division
 PO Box 43200, Olympia, WA 98504-3200

LICENSED GAME FARMER ANNUAL REPORT

Check this box if requesting renewal

For Period: January 1, _____ through December 1, _____ **Permanent Game Farm License No.** _____

 (Name)

 (Street address or PO Box number)

_____, WA _____
 (City) (Zip code) (Telephone number)

NOTE: This report must be submitted by Dec. 15 each year. If your facility has changed since the last reporting period, attach a map or diagram of the facilities.

Species	Number		Number Sold	Number on Hand at End of Year
	Received	Produced		
Ring-necked Pheasant				
Gray Partridge				
Chukar				
Quail				
Waterfowl				
Other (Please List)				

SPECIES RECEIVED: Wildlife received by purchase, gift or exchange.

Number Received	Species	Received From	Mailing Address

REMEMBER: Please enclose copies of all receipts or a sales list with the name and address of purchaser.

Check this box if **Avian Influenza testing** was completed. Please attach a copy of the test results.

The above is an accurate account of operation for the reporting period.

Signature _____ Date _____

FOR DEPARTMENT USE

- Veterinary Inspection/Avian Influenza Testing Attached
- Receipts Enclosed
- Game Farm License Application and Fees Attached (\$118-Renewal Fee)

Reviewer _____ Date _____
 (WDFW employee)

LICENSED GAME FARM INFORMATION

1. A game farm license is required to sell or transfer the following wildlife:
Pheasant, *Phasianus*
Gray (Hungarian) Partridge, *Perdix*
Chukar, *Alectoris*
Quail, *Lophorhyx*, *Callipepla*, *Colinus*, & *Oreorhyx*
Waterfowl, *Anatidae* (mute swans not permitted)
(Commercial mink and fox are regulated by the Washington Department of Agriculture.)
2. No other wildlife as defined by rule of the Fish and Wildlife Commission may be sold, bartered, traded, or propagated under the provision of a game farm license.
3. The applicant is the owner or tenant of or has a possessory interest in the lands, waters, and riparian rights shown in the application.
4. Rearing and holding facilities must be capable of preventing escape of game farm wildlife.
5. Operating conditions must be clean and humane.
6. Game Farm operations may not create hazards to the state's wildlife.
7. It is unlawful to release wildlife in Washington without a permit from the Department of Fish and Wildlife, except under specific conditions.
8. Sick or diseased birds must be placed under the care of a veterinarian and reported to the Department of Fish and Wildlife.
9. Receipts must be given to all those who purchase or receive birds. It is unlawful to possess wildlife without proof of legal acquisition. Receipts are provided by the Department of Fish and Wildlife to licensed game farms.
10. Birds to be used for field trials, dog training, or shooting preserves must be marked or banded as provided in WAC 220-416-110. Bands must be purchased from the Department of Fish and Wildlife's Olympia office.
11. It is illegal to remove wildlife from the wild without a permit. Permits are not issued for game farming purposes.
12. Wildlife being brought into Washington must be accompanied by proof of lawful importation and a veterinarian's certification that they are free from disease. Written certification must remain with imported wildlife.
13. Each licensed game farm must receive an annual inspection during June, July, or August from a veterinarian or agent authorized by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The inspection form will be supplied by the Department of Fish and Wildlife and must be attached to the annual report.
14. An annual report must be submitted on a form supplied by the Department of Fish and Wildlife to the Olympia office by Dec. 15 of each year.
15. A representative of the Department of Fish and Wildlife may inspect facilities at reasonable times and manner.

Note: This publication is informational only. For complete regulations, please contact the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.



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 Licensing Division
 PO Box 43200, Olympia, WA 98504-3200

LICENSED GAME FARM FACILITY INSPECTION FORM

License Holder's Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Washington Zip Code: _____

Permanent Number: _____ License Number: _____

VETERINARIAN

Veterinarian's Name _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Washington Zip Code: _____

Veterinarian's License Number: _____ Inspection Date: _____

The purpose of the annual inspection is to ensure that state wildlife is safe from disease and pathogens. The inspection should be used to clear up problems and assist game farmers in maintaining clean, humane facilities.

To my knowledge, birds listed under this facility's game license are not infected with pullorum, fowl typhoid, avian tuberculosis, mycoplasma, avian influenza, duck plague, avian cholera, blackhead, or exotic Newcastle disease and have not been exposed to birds known to be infected with these diseases during the past 12 months. I have inspected the above listed facility and found no serious disease or pathogen problems.

Veterinarian's Signature: _____

Please submit the white copy to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, along with the green second and third page of the inspection form—pink copy for your record, and yellow to the licensed game farm operator.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will provide equal opportunities to all potential and existing employees without regard to race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, age, marital status, national origin, disability, or Vietnam Era Veteran's status. The department receives Federal Aid for fish and wildlife restoration.

The department is subject to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin or handicap. If you believe you have been discriminated against in any department program, activity, or facility, or if you want further information about Title VI or Section 504, write to: Office of Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240, or Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, PO Box 43200, Olympia, WA 98504-3200.

THE CONDITIONS THAT FOLLOW EACH CATEGORY ARE TO GUIDE THE INSPECTION. THEY MAY NOT APPLY TO ALL FACILITIES.

INCUBATION FACILITIES

A. Natural Type

- Appropriate nesting material
- Clean nesting boxes
- Appropriate size nesting boxes
- Adequate air exchange for ventilation

B. Mechanical Type

- Clean incubators
- Incubators in a heated, dry area with adequate ventilation

(PLEASE INITIAL EACH CATEGORY SATISFACTORILY INSPECTED)

Sanitation: _____ Temperature: _____ Humidity: _____

Comments: _____

BROODER HOUSES

- Sufficiency of heat for chicks in environment
- Adequacy of space for chicks to move away from the heat source
- Adequate air exchange for ventilation

(PLEASE INITIAL EACH CATEGORY SATISFACTORILY INSPECTED)

Sanitation: _____ Heat Source: _____ Humidity: _____

Comments: _____

PENS

- Arrangement of outdoor facility with partial shade and shelter as needed
- Humane size of pens
- Suitable size and depth of water necessary for bird species needs

(PLEASE INITIAL EACH CATEGORY SATISFACTORILY INSPECTED)

Sanitation: _____ Adequate Size: _____ Shelter: _____ Humidity: _____

Comments: _____

WATER

- Availability of water
- Clean and adequate appearance of drinking water
- Clean source of drinking water
- Protection of drinking water from fecal contamination

(PLEASE INITIAL EACH CATEGORY SATISFACTORILY INSPECTED)

Sanitation: _____ Suitable Source: _____

Comments: _____

FEED

- Availability of proper feed for each age and species of birds present
- Accessibility of food containers
- Availability of grit

(PLEASE INITIAL EACH CATEGORY SATISFACTORILY INSPECTED)

Proper Type: _____ Grit Source: _____

Adequate Feeder: _____ Sanitation: _____

Comments: _____

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- Picking at acceptable levels
- Satisfactory cleaning methods
- Containers suitable to keep away rats, flies, etc.
- Removal of spoiled and or leftover food from pens
- Program for parasite control
- Protection of accessible feed from fecal contamination
- Cages, pens, and other enclosures clean with minimal odor
- Drainage from facility into a stream, river, or pond is discouraged
- Clean, healthy, deformity and injury free appearance of animals

(PLEASE INITIAL EACH CATEGORY SATISFACTORILY INSPECTED)

Ventilation: _____ Cleaning Methods: _____ Pest/Parasite Control: _____

Birds Clean/Healthy: _____ Picking and Deformities of Acceptable Limits: _____

Comments: _____

NOTE:

Only those game farms that have their birds serum tested for Pullorum, Fowl Typhoid, Mycoplasmosis, Avian Influenza, and Exotic Newcastle Disease may provide birds for ultimate release without further conditions. A minimum of ten percent of the flock or ten random selected birds must be tested. A list of tested farms will be maintained by the department and provided to shooting preserves and field trial organizers on request.

How to Obtain an AI Testing Kit / Guidelines for Collection of Swabs

1. Each kit contains tubes of BHI broth, swabs, an ice pack, and a zip lock bag. To order a testing kit, contact Dana Dobbs at DDobbs@agr.wa.gov



2. **For oral (Choanal/tracheal) swabs:** Swab area around opening of trachea then swab choanal cleft

There is a really good video on YouTube on how to test your own chickens: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YPUZuncbO9k>

3. For vent (Cloacal) swabs: insert swab tip into the vent orifice.
4. Vigorously swirl swab in BHI broth to express contents.
5. Discard the swab. Do not break off swab in broth.
6. Close tube.
7. Place tubes in a zip lock bag. Keep refrigerated.
8. Ship the samples, submission form and ice packs no more than 12 hours after taking samples.
9. Samples must be shipped Monday through Thursday. Do not ship on Fridays and do not ship the day before a holiday.





FACILITIES INFORMATION FOR GAME FARMS

INTRODUCTION

Proper housing is not only essential to successful game farming, but also to assure that birds are cared for adequately. Our purpose is not to establish exact specifications for houses and pens, but to provide a general description as to what constitutes adequate or inadequate facilities.

FACILITIES

INCUBATION

All facilities, whether using setting hens or mechanical incubation, should be kept clean and properly disinfected in order to reduce the possibility of disease. Setting hens should have covered nest boxes containing straw or a similar nesting material. Bantam hens are suggested for small-scale hatches, but heavier-type hens can be used. Bantams usually handle up to 12 eggs and heavier fowl up to 20 eggs each.

Mechanical incubator rooms, in addition to being clean, should be heated, dry, and have good ventilation and should be kept clean and at the proper temperature and humidity settings. The temperature of forced air incubators should be maintained between 99 ½ and 99 ¾ degrees.

*Note: Some still air machines are designed for different temperature settings. Temperatures should be maintained to the manufacturer's specifications.

Humidity readings should be between 76 and 82 degrees but will vary some due to atmospheric conditions at each location.

BROODER HOUSES AND PENS

When chicks or adult birds are held in houses or pens, the following general specifications apply:

1. House or enclosure size:

Chicks: Chick houses and / or pens should be of sufficient size to prevent overcrowding. For the first two weeks, 300 to 400 chicks can be brooded in an area of approximately 12 square feet. Older birds need more space. Excessive feather picking is an indicator of overcrowding.

Adult Birds: Approximately 40 square feet or better per breeding pair. Pens should be large enough to allow birds to turn without the tail feathers contacting the edges. Careful attention should be taken not to mix breeding individuals of different species. Breeding animals should have cover (i.e., fir boughs, perennial plants) to minimize egg cannibalism and infertility.

2. Sufficient heat source to maintain chicks in a warm environment while in brooder houses.
3. Shelter from wind, rain, and mid-day sun.
4. Fresh water for drinking must always be available.
5. Sanitary conditions.
6. Adequate ventilation (especially important in brooder houses).

7. Proper feed:

chicks	up to six weeks	pheasant or turkey starter
young birds	6-12 weeks	grower feed or crumbles
adult birds		wheat, other grains, and processed feed



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Game farm license provisions - WAC 220-430-010

It is unlawful to operate a game farm without a current, valid Washington state game farm license. It is unlawful to sell those species listed in subsection (2) of this section without a current, valid Washington state game farm license except with the written permission of the director.

(1) Under a current, valid license issued by the department, game farms licensed prior to January 1, 1992, may continue to possess, propagate, sell and transfer wildlife they lawfully possessed on January 1, 1992. Transfers of wildlife other than those species listed under subsection (2) are restricted to licensed game farms authorized by written license to possess said wildlife.

(2) Game farms licensed on or after January 1, 1992, may purchase, possess, propagate, sell or transfer the following wildlife, except species designated as deleterious wildlife: Game birds - Pheasant, of the genus *Phasianus*; gray partridge of the genus *Perdix*; chukar of the genus *Alectoris*; quail of the genus *Colinus*, *Callipepla*, and *Oreortyx*; waterfowl of the family *Anatidae*.

(3) Application for a game farm license shall be made on a form provided by the department.

(4) The director or designee of the director may issue, with conditions or restrictions, a game farm license, if the applicant meets the requirements of subsection (1) or (2) above and complies with the following criteria: (a) The applicant is the owner or tenant of or has a possessory interest in the lands, waters, and riparian rights shown in the application. (b) The rearing and holding facilities are adequate and structurally sound to prevent the egress of game farm wildlife. (c) Operating conditions are clean and humane. (d) No hazards to state wildlife exist from the operation. (e) The license covers only the immediate premises and areas described on the application where wildlife will be held.

(5) Holders of a game farm license must make annual reports no later than the 15th of January to the director on forms to be furnished by the department. Violation of this subsection is an infraction, punishable under RCW [77.15.160](#).

(6) A licensed game farm must be inspected annually. All inspection costs will be paid by the licensee. The inspection must occur during the months of June, July, or August. An inspection form will be provided by the department and must be completed and signed by a licensed veterinarian or an agent authorized by the department. The inspection form must accompany the annual report and be submitted to the director no later than the 15th day of January.

(7) During June, July, or August, a licensed game farm must conduct annual avian influenza disease testing of ten percent or a maximum of thirty representative game birds on-site. Testing required under this subsection and subsection (8) of this section must be performed by a qualified testing agent approved by WDFW. Testing is not required for the year in which all birds on-site were transferred from a game farm that has complied with the testing requirements of this rule within one year of the transfer. Copies of testing records must be kept for one year.

The licensee is responsible for all testing costs. Any test results indicating the presence of avian influenza disease must be reported immediately to the Washington state department of agriculture state veterinarian.

(8) If birds being held on the game farm exhibit symptoms of respiratory infection, diarrhea, central nervous system malfunction, or Certified on 10/25/2019 WAC 220-430-010 Page 1 more than twenty-five percent flock mortality, licensed game farms must test for one or more of the following diseases as soon as possible upon the observation of symptoms: Mycoplasma gallisepticum and Mycoplasma synoviae, pullorum, salmonella, histomoniasis, and exotic Newcastle disease. The licensee is responsible for all testing costs.

(9) A game farm license is not required for captive-bred mink, *Mustela vison*, and captive-bred silver fox, *Vulpes fulva*, lawfully acquired from a licensed breeder or fur farm and held for fur farming purposes.

(10) A game farm license may be revoked and any future licenses may be denied by the director or director's designee if the department determines: (a) Information contained in a game farm license application was inaccurate or false; (b) The game farm licensee fails to comply with department statutes or rules.

(11) Revocation of a game farm license shall remain in effect until all issues pertaining to revocation are resolved.

(12) If the initial application or the application to renew a game farm license is denied or revoked, the department will provide the applicant, in writing, a notice containing a statement of the reason(s) for the denial or revocation. (a) The applicant may request an appeal to contest the denial or revocation pursuant to chapter [34.05 RCW](#). The department must receive an appeal request in writing within twenty days from the mailing date of the notice of denial or revocation. Address appeal requests to WDFW Legal Services Office, P.O. Box 40100, Olympia WA 98504-0100. (b) A notice contested by written appeal is final when that proceeding ends in a final order pursuant to chapter [34.05 RCW](#) or is otherwise dismissed. (c) If there is no timely request for an appeal, then the department's denial or revocation of the permit is final and effective on the 21st calendar day following the mailing date of the notice of denial or revocation.

(13) A game farm license applicant who provides false or misleading information in their game farm license application may be subject to prosecution under RCW [9A.76.175](#) or [40.16.030](#). A game farm license holder who fails to comply with department statutes or rules as required by their game farm license may be subject to prosecution under RCW [77.15.340](#).

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