



NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF GAME & FISH  
LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION  
SPECIAL USE PERMITS PROGRAM  
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Dear Game Bird Propagation Permit Applicant:

The Law Enforcement Division is responsible for the Special Use Permits Program, which includes Game Bird Propagation Permits. The Game Bird Propagation Permit is for those who wish to possess, propagate, sell, barter, donate, and exchange Protected Game Bird Species. The most common species are from the following families: Phasianidae (quail, partridges and pheasants); Anatidae (waterfowl); Tetraonidae (grouse and ptarmigans); Meleagridae (wild turkeys) except for the domestic strains of turkeys; Columbidae (wild pigeons and doves) except for the domestic strains of pigeons. Excerpt from 17-2-3 NMSA 1978.

**PERMIT INFORMATION - PROVISIONS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

Live game birds (quail, chukar, pheasants and mallard ducks) may be sold to those possessing a valid call pen, field trial or shooting preserve permit from the Department of Game and Fish. Any other sales or donations are for "consumption only" and must be noted on the invoice. All sales or donations must be accompanied by an invoice from the bird propagator stating the propagator's name, address, permit number, kind and number of game birds sold and the name, and address of person receiving the game birds.

**This permit does not authorize the release of any game birds into the wild.** No person, including any purchaser of game birds shall release game birds into the wild or on their property without the proper permit from the Department prior to any release. All persons possessing or receiving game birds shall adhere to state laws and rules. Contact the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish for more details.

**This permit does not authorize importation of game birds.** Permittee must request an Importation Permit from the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish before birds may be imported into New Mexico. When obtaining birds from any out of state source you are required to obtain an Importation Permit **prior to** delivery. New Mexico Statute 17-3-32 states: "In order to protect game animals, birds, and fish against importation of undesirable species and introduction of infectious or contagious disease, it is a misdemeanor to import any live animal, birds or fish in this state, except domesticated animals or domesticated fowl or fish from government hatcheries, without first obtaining a permit from the department of game and fish." Importation packets containing application and copies of appropriate laws and policies may be obtained upon request from the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, Special Use Permits Section at the above address. An importation application must be accompanied by the \$20.00 application fee, required documentation, **and** the health records appropriate for the species. Each supplier is considered a separate importation and requires a separate application, fee and supporting documents. Once obtained, the Importation Permit must accompany the animal(s) being imported into the State of New Mexico. If you are going to acquire a species not listed on your propagation permit, you must request in writing that your propagation permit be amended.

The permittee agrees to furnish the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, by March 31 each year, a report on the game bird propagation operations during the previous calendar year. Such report shall be on a Year-end Report/Renewal Request form provided by the Department and shall include a compilation of all game birds added and disposed of during the calendar year and on hand at the end of the calendar year.

This permit may be revoked any time the conditions under which the birds are kept fail to meet the conditions of the permit issued by the Department of Game and Fish under authority 19.31.2 NMAC.

Your cooperation in assisting the Department of Game and Fish in its mission to protect and preserve the wildlife in New Mexico is appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Special Use Permits Manager

# GAME BIRD PROPAGATION PERMIT APPLICATION



FOR DEPT. USE ONLY
Check # _____
Amount _____
Date ____/____/____
Initials _____

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**Permit Year** 20 / 20  
(April 1 – March 31)  
**Permit Fee \$10.00/ Year**

**AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Submit this application with the appropriate fee to address listed above.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**BUSINESS NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **WEBSITE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ADDRESS:** (mailing) \_\_\_\_\_ (physical) \_\_\_\_\_  
**CITY, STATE, ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**TELEPHONE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_ **FAX:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Game birds may not be possessed until game bird propagation permit is issued.**

Species	Quantity	Sex

If you will hold migratory birds for which a Federal Permit is required, provide the following:

**Expiration Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Federal Permit Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

For Federal Permits, contact U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Box 709,  
MB/Permits Division, Alb. NM 87103-0709; (505) 248-7882

**Source/Name and address of party supplying your original stock:**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CITY, STATE, ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**TELEPHONE NO.:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**EMAIL/WEBSITE:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*Importation application required if supplier is outside of New Mexico. Importation application must be approved before birds/eggs enter the state.

**Location of pen, if different from address given above:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Has pen construction been completed?  Yes, please complete next page regarding the details of your pen.  
 No, pen construction must be completed prior to issuance of permit.

Permit **will not** be issued until the Department of Game and Fish has been informed that pen is completed.

Include **photographs** of your pen with this application and fee.

**For each pen, supply the following information:**

Size: Length \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_

Number of birds to be held in pen \_\_\_\_\_ Source of water \_\_\_\_\_

Materials of which pen is built \_\_\_\_\_

Is the pen roofed?  Yes  No, note this permit does not authorize the release of any game birds into the wild.

Type of material used to roof pen? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe shelter and shade provided for birds \_\_\_\_\_

A game bird propagation permit does not authorize release of any game birds into the wild. Such releases are illegal unless authorized by a specific release permit from NMDGF.

This application is not for the importation of game birds. Applicants intending to purchase birds or eggs from out of state must submit an importation application prior to importation.

Each permittee will be required to report the number of birds added and disposed of during the previous permit year, as well as the kind of birds on hand as of March 31. Please keep records of all activity (purchase, sold, hunted, hatched).

**I CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date