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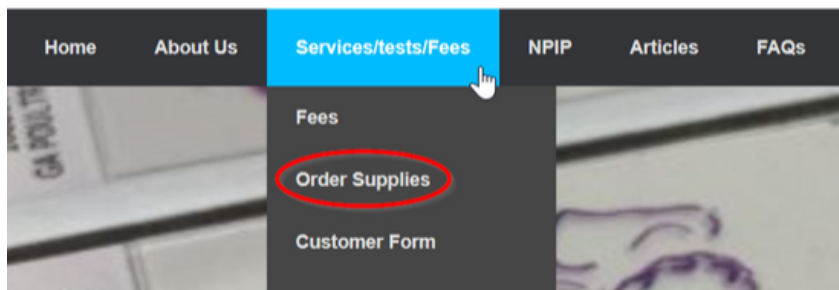
By Danelle Dimizio

We are moving further into the digital age! You can now place supply orders through our website! This is a more efficient system for filling orders and billing for them. Another advantage of our online ordering catalog is you can see a picture of each supply which will ensure that you are selecting what is needed.

If you have any questions about what supplies you need for testing, don't hesitate to email Customer Service at customerservice@gapoultrylab.org.

Ready to place your order?

1. Start by going to our website: www.gapoultrylab.org
2. Then, hover over the Services/Tests/Fees tab and select Order Supplies from the drop-down menu (pictured below).
3. Select the supplies you need by clicking "Add to cart"
4. When you're ready to check out, click on the shopping cart icon that appears in the black navigation banner ( 1 item - \$9.60).
5. The summary of your cart will display, and you can "Proceed to checkout" at your convenience.



GPLN has a contingency plan in place for COVID-19, and we plan to leave the lab open for business!

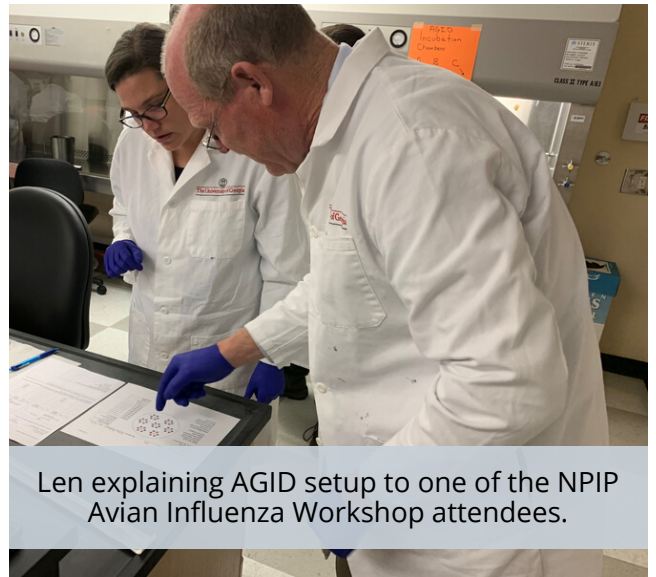
Stay healthy!



NPIP Workshops

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An integral part of the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) is a network of about 100 authorized laboratories that conduct the testing for the various Plan disease classifications in all 50 states. In addition to the practices and procedures available and published within the Plan, there are three (3) Workshops that are held annually covering Mycoplasma, Avian Influenza, and Salmonella respectively. A technician from each of the authorized laboratories must attend one of these workshops every 4 years for each laboratory to maintain their authorized status. The workshops have laboratory and lecture components and review the procedures for testing, reading, and reporting the disease agents. The workshops also help ensure that all laboratories are following the same protocols and are up-to-date on the most current methods. In addition to GPLN sending technicians to these workshops, Len Chappell, Brenda Glidewell, Dr. Louise Dufour-Zavala, and Dr. Doug Waltman are instructors in these workshops.



Len explaining AGID setup to one of the NPIP Avian Influenza Workshop attendees.



Scott Lee, Jesse Gallagher, and Len Chappell pose for a picture during the AGID wet lab.

GPLN HOT NEWS

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GPLN's COVID-19 Contingency Plan consists of an employee rotation to ensure that if we do have to have a closure, unexposed employees can come back to do the essential tests for the industry. We are practicing social distancing, staying home if sick, and are limiting our field visits only to the essential.

Our BSL3 repair project is in full swing, and some of the activities lead to short lab closures for the safety of employees. Those are planned and short, and the receiving window stays open for samples and birds. These short closures should not affect the lab routines noticeably, and we are not expecting our turn-around times to be affected significantly. So as of today, early April, we are open and running all tests!

The erection of our Emergency Response Building is complete! We will soon move all of our foaming equipment and emergency supplies in, and continue our maintenance program on site. We are so very thankful for the special appropriation to the Georgia Department of Agriculture from the Georgia General Assembly for this building, and we appreciate Fieldale Farms who let us use some staging space in Cornelia for the equipment for the past few years! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!