

POULTRY PROCESSING EQUIPMENT RENTAL AGREEMENT

TERMS OF USE:

Borrower agrees to use equipment in a safe and careful manner, in accordance with the Owner's Manuals provided by Clark Conservation District (CCD). Borrower agrees to pay the cost of repairing the equipment if damage to the equipment and/or its parts occurs due to an external cause or due to any negligence or any factor under the control of the Borrower. Borrower agrees to replace any equipment not returned to CCD. Borrower acknowledges that CCD is providing the equipment only. Borrower is responsible for providing all consumable materials including propane, propane tank, water, water hoses, electricity, and electrical extension cords. Additionally, Borrower is responsible for providing all small tools and supplies, such as knives, aprons, bags, etc. needed for processing.

Borrower will transport the equipment by use of an appropriately sized vehicle. It is the responsibility of the Borrower to transport equipment and return equipment to the location designated by CCD.

Borrower agrees to return the equipment in a clean and usable condition. A \$100 refundable deposit will be required at time of Borrower reservation. Failure to clean the equipment appropriately or failure to return the equipment at the agreed upon time will result in a nonrefundable deposit. Please note: picking up or dropping off the equipment over 30 minutes late WILL result in a fine of \$50.

Failure to return the equipment or deliver it to the designated location can result in an *additional late or retrieval* penalty of **\$30 per day** assessed at time of return. Failure to clean equipment or return on time will disqualify Borrower's ability to rent equipment in future (note that all bans are household bans, and will cover the address of use and all people in the household of the Borrower). Borrower and all persons using the equipment must be 18 years of age or older.

Borrower releases Clark Conservation District from, any and all, liability arising from the use and/or transportation of the equipment. CCD shall not be liable for any personal injury or property damage occurring as a result of the use or transport of the equipment or any other loss or damage including but not limited to those resulting from (1) loss caused by theft, (2) accidental damage to persons or property from the operation or use of the equipment, (3) damage or injury resulting from the conduct of the Borrower whether negligent or otherwise. In the event injury or damage is not insured against by Borrower, Borrower shall pay for injury or damages at the sole expense of the Borrower. Borrower agrees to indemnify and hold harmless CCD, its employees, board members, and volunteers from all claims arising by virtue of the use of the equipment pursuant to this agreement. In the event CCD incurs any legal fees or other costs enforcing the terms of this agreement, Borrower shall be responsible for all such fees and costs.

Borrower acknowledges that CCD is not responsible for any public health issues arising from the use of this equipment. If using the equipment for commercial poultry processing, the Borrower is responsible for acquiring all state and local food safety permits. The priority of use, and availability of equipment, will be determined at the sole discretion of CCD.

Items available for rental:

□ Whole trailer	OR	☐ Individual pieces (check applicable)		
☐ Trailer adaptor				
□ Hitch		□ Featherman Plucker	☐ Chicken Killing Cones (Quantity)	
□ Key		□ Featherman Scalder	☐ Small Turkey Cones (Quantity)	
□ Trailer Lock		□ Shackles	☐ Kill Cone Stand	
☐ Hitch Lock		□ Chill Tank	□ Dunker	□ Supply Box

CLEANING & CARING FOR POULTRY PROCESSING EQUIPMENT

It is your responsibility to return the equipment in a clean condition. We have made the following observations to assist you in these efforts.

- ✓ Clean the equipment as soon as you are done processing. The longer you wait, the harder it will get. The blood collecting tank is most easily cleaned by spraying with water throughout processing to prevent blood from drying on the equipment.
- ✓ When **cleaning the plucker**, bend rubber fingers towards you. This will aid in feather removal as it keeps the feathers from being pinned against the plastic housing.
- ✓ The most common problem we experience with the feather plucker is feathers left in the **exit chute**. Make sure that there is no blockage of feathers by Reaching inside feather ejection chute on plucker and removing feathers caught behind the bar and then running plenty of water through the exit chute.
- ✓ The **scalding tank** often gets ring around the tub. To prevent this and aid in cleaning, add water to a level above this ring as soon as you are done with the scalding process. This will prevent the dirty water from drying on the side of the tank and make cleaning easier.
- ✓ When all done processing, clean the cones first by placing in the hot scald water and soaking for a few minutes. The hot water will help loosen any dried blood, manure, feathers, etc. before you start scrubbing with soapy water. This works for scrubbing blood catch buckets, anything the cones were affixed to and other equipment you may have used during the process.
- ✓ Please **spray all surfaces** with bleach solution before and after use (no need to spray on motor) *1/4 cup bleach per 1 gallon water*
- ✓ Give everything one last look over before returning it! Make sure all equipment is clean and dry. Remember that someone else will be getting this equipment next. Please return it in the condition you would like to receive it in.

Please take care of the equipment as if it were your own. If the equipment breaks down or needs to be fixed because of misuse or carelessness, it affects everyone else who enjoys and depends on this service. If for any reason the equipment is damaged or is not functioning properly, please notify Clark Conservation District immediately. Do not attempt to repair equipment yourself.

I have read this document and understand a \$100.00 cleaning fee will be issued if the poultry processing equipment is not cleaned properly before returning. This fee will be assessed at CCD's discretion.