



OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
STATE HOUSE ANNEX
25 CAPITOL STREET, ROOM 234
CONCORD, NH 03301

Rulemaking Notice Form

Notice Number: 2026-156

Rule Number: Agr 1600

1. **Agency:** Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food
Agency Address: Office of the Commissioner
One Granite Place South, Ste. 211
Concord, NH 03301
2. **RSA Authority:** RSA 428:19; RSA 436:24; RSA 436:6; RSA 436:28
3. **Federal Authority:**
4. **Action(s):** Readopt
5. **Short Title:** Poultry
6. **(a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments including whether the rule implements a state statute for the first time:**

The Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food proposes to readopt Agr 1600 regarding poultry. These rules are necessary to protect poultry health in New Hampshire and are due to expire 10-15-26, but are subject to extension pursuant to RSA 541-A:14-a.. No changes have been made to the rule text. The rules do not implement a statute for the first time.

6. **(b) Brief description of the groups affected:**

Farmers, pet owners, individuals involved in the transfer of poultry, and the general public are affected by this rule.

6. (c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:

Rule	Specific State Statute the Rule Implements
Agr 1601.01	RSA 428:2
Agr 1601.02 – Agr 1601.03	RSA 428:24
Agr 1602	RSA 436:31; RSA 436:34
Agr 1603.01 – Agr 1603.02	RSA 428:9
Agr 1603.03	RSA 428:18
Agr 1603.04	RSA 428:10

7. Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:

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8. Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified:

Friday, September 4, 2026

☐ Fax
☒ Email
☐ Other

9. Public hearing scheduled for:

Date: Friday, August 28, 2026

Time: 12:00 PM

Place: Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food
Granite Conference Room 202
One Granite Place, Ste 211
Concord, NH 03301

Electronic Access, if applicable: N/A

10. Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant):

FIS #: 26:143, dated: Friday, July 24, 2026

1. Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):

There is no difference in costs when comparing the proposed rules to the existing rules.

2. Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:

No federal mandate, no impact on state funds.

3. Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):

A. To State general or State special funds:

None.

B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:

None.

C. To independently owned businesses:

None.

11. Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:

The proposed rules do not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the NH Constitution. The rules do not mandate or assign any new, expanded, or modified program or responsibility or cost to any political subdivision in such a way as to necessitate additional local expenditure, and therefore, do not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution.