

Avian Genetic Research Resources Survey II: TAKING STOCK OF OUR STOCKS

The Avian Genetic Resources Survey is back!!

The organizers need your assistance in creating the most up-to-date information on extant poultry and avian genetic research resources. In 1999 the Avian Genetic Resources Task Force Report included a comprehensive stocks listing for North America (<http://www.grcp.ucdavis.edu/publications/index.htm>) as well as documented the elimination of 100's of stocks (as compared to the 1988 Poultry Registry developed by Ralph Somes).

The curator and stocks listings are now largely out of date and it is clear that another round of substantial eliminations has taken place just in the last 5 yr. The Avian Genetic Resources Survey II (support by UC-Davis and the USDA-CSREES) seeks to update the prior information, assess the extent of the eliminations, include new stocks (there are a very few), include international stocks, and develop a web-based format for the resulting information (see url listed below).

All curators listed in the prior survey will be contacted. If you have stocks and haven't been contacted (whether or not you were part of the first survey), then please consider sending an email to avgenstocks@ucdavis.edu to let us know who you are and how to contact you OR access the website to fill out the curator information form and the stocks form (<http://animalscience.ucdavis.edu/AvianResources/>) for email transmission. Suggestions are welcome, too.

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