



# AEA EMUupdate

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## President's Message

### Greetings From Iowa

Greetings Everyone!

Hope you are all staying safe and warm. Here in the Midwest it has been bitterly cold, along with plenty of snowfall, now extending into the far southern regions of the US.

The board has been working hard at keeping the membership informed on the ever-evolving emu business. Any suggestions on what the board can do to help the membership succeed are greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in becoming a Certified Business Member, we are offering a special. Please visit our web-site at [aea-emu.org](http://aea-emu.org) for more information. Also please check out the web-site for a wealth of information about the emu industry, how to raise emus, where to buy products, and much more.

It is time to be thinking about nominations for the board of directors. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in running for a position of the board, please contact your regional director.

Again, please look to the website to find the contact information for the director in your area.

Sincerely  
Dennis Anderson

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### SBA - EIDL Loan Repayment

For those who received Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Loans from the Small Business Administration (SBA) in 2020, repayments begin in March of 2021. Business that have received their loans may qualify for forgiveness for the advance portion only.

All who have received their loans should have received the contact information for the office managing their repayment program.

For more info : <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/covid-19-economic-injury-disaster-loans>



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[www.aea-emu.org](http://www.aea-emu.org)

**2021 AEA Convention in September  
will NOT be held "in-person" this year**

### BREEDERS LIST

The Breeders List will once again be offered to members at no cost for 2020. If you sell emu chicks yearlings or breeder pairs, add your farm to this FREE listing. This is the first place people look for emus on the AEA website.

**Discount for Veterans** - The AEA is offering a 10% annual membership discount to veterans and current military personnel with verification required. New & renewing members will be eligible for this discount. Apply online or contact [susan.wright@aea-emu.org](mailto:susan.wright@aea-emu.org)

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

### AEA Board of Directors Nominations Needed



Every year we elect new board members for open positions. **Board members are elected for 2 year terms and can only be elected 3 consecutive times** before they time out and need to leave the board for at least a year.

The **3 positions** this year will include one **"At-large" director**. Anyone who is a voting member is eligible to run for an at-large position, no matter what state they reside in.

Besides the at-large director, the **"Region 1&2"** and **"Region 3" director** positions will also be up for election. **(These nominees MUST reside within their respective regions.)** See page 8 for regions.

Carolyn Palo and her team, Deitra McCleery and Jim Glick, are actively contacting members to search for willing candidates. Do you have a member you would like to nominate to represent you and your farm? It could be yourself, if you would like to be involved. The **term is for 2 years and the nominee must have been a voting member for a minimum of one year prior to election.**

**All nominations are due by May 31st. Ballots will be mailed out on or before June 28th.**

**Board members spend a couple hours each month on a conference call, plus time working on various projects and committees.** The plus side of being a board member is that it allows you to keep your finger on the pulse of the emu industry. You will work with the other board members, committees and the AEA members to enact changes that will make our industry stronger.

All **board members are required to attend all monthly phone meetings and to attend the annual convention**, when it can be held, as we like to work face to face on some projects and, of course, the board helps to put on the convention. As for the convention, the AEA pays for board members transportation and hotel room costs, plus their convention registration. To nominate someone or for more information contact:

Carolyn Palo- [pinehillfarms@aol.com](mailto:pinehillfarms@aol.com) Jim Glick- [backachers@aol.com](mailto:backachers@aol.com) Deitra McCleery- [detmcc@gmail.com](mailto:detmcc@gmail.com)

### From the Vice-president - Amy E. Hall

Hello again from Arkansas.

The weather this year has been a roller coaster. But it's rather cold today. My three week old chicks are still in the barn keeping warm. They have only been outside once but, hopefully, it'll be warm enough this next week to put them out in the pen to get some fresh air and sunshine.

There is another crop of eggs in the incubator that are starting to wiggle and they should hatch sometime this month. I'm hoping that the fertility rate is better for this next crop of eggs, however, there is at least one egg that isn't tilting.

Since I put many of the eggs directly into incubation, I will be having a string of chicks every 3rd day or so throughout February. And then another bunch around March 15.



### From the Vice-president (continued)

My girl Red is still the only hen that I have laying.

My gal Orange laid three eggs in January and then has ceased laying eggs. I don't believe that her and her young pen mate are having relations. I ate her first two eggs and I have her third egg in the incubator, but I don't have high hopes for it.

My gal White Has two males in the pen with her. One is a two-year-old and one is a three year old that I stole from Ms. Red. Although I've seen her submit, I don't see any evidence of any relationships either.

Ms. White is the young hen who got terribly beat up in the mob pen this past fall.

The brooding area is a head scratcher. Everything is upside down since where I planned to put the incubators proved too small a room, so now I have 3 small chick runs in this room instead.

I can't wait for warmer weather so these little poopers can spend more time pooping outside.

If you're wondering what the chicks are standing on, it's a "fitness mat". I got it at Walmart.

Amy

## WEB INQUIRY REPORT

The **Live Bird Requests** are sent out to the members by these two electronic venues—**Facebook** and the **AEA Google Email List**.



### FOR SALE

**Over 20 adult emus in large colony pen located in Fennimore, WI.** These were Betty Lou Cauffman's breeding stock. Barn recently burned. Firemen turned them out. Contact - Caroline Cornelison, Elkhorn, WI (262) 949-0647 [toddcaro@yahoo.com](mailto:toddcaro@yahoo.com)

### WANTED

**Less than 5 chicks up to 3 months.** Sarah Lofton, Golden Valley, AZ (928) 377-2936 [samme95820@gmail.com](mailto:samme95820@gmail.com)

**1 male emu, chick to coming 2 yrs.** Dick Ray, Rocky Mountain Wildlife Park, Pagosa Springs, Colorado (970) 264-5546 [dickray@centurytel.net](mailto:dickray@centurytel.net)

**2 females and 1 male emus, 3 months to 2 yrs.** Scott Schorg, Milan, IL, (563) 940-2157, [Sschorg@yahoo.com](mailto:Sschorg@yahoo.com)

**Several chicks up to a year.** Chris Hoiyer, Concord, NH, (603) 856-3058 [tomteguber@gmail.com](mailto:tomteguber@gmail.com)

**1 chick up to 1 yr.** Hunter Vurbef, Morongo Valley, CA (347) 205-0565 [Hunvur@gmail.com](mailto:Hunvur@gmail.com)

**Yearlings or breeder pairs.** John Butts, Beech Island, SC, (803) 292-2830 [jdbutts1976@gmail.com](mailto:jdbutts1976@gmail.com)

**Less than 5 just hatched chicks and breeder pairs.** Christine Dye, Fayetteville, TN (931) 675-9541 [Cshelton0320@yahoo.com](mailto:Cshelton0320@yahoo.com)

**Hatching eggs, just hatched chicks up to and including breeder pairs.** Connie Zebrowski, Susquehanna, PA (570) 442-1123 [cjmzc77@gmail.com](mailto:cjmzc77@gmail.com)

**Just hatched chicks up to 3 months.** Matt Merrell, Clifford, PA (570) 396-0131 [mmerrell@hgmelectricalservices.com](mailto:mmerrell@hgmelectricalservices.com)

**3 DNA checked females just hatched to coming 2 yrs.** Leanne Sarkisian, Ark Encounter, Williamstown, KY (859) 240-3229 [lsarkisian@answersingenesis.org](mailto:lsarkisian@answersingenesis.org)

**1 or 2 breeder pair to add to 5 pair raised as high school vet science projects.** Grace Mendes, Selma, CA, (559) 212-7845 [gnunes@selmausd.org](mailto:gnunes@selmausd.org)

**Less than 5 just hatched chicks, 6-30 chicks 3 months to a year, less than 5 coming 2 yrs. or breeders.** Jennifer Barba, Exeter, CA (559) 737-3338 [Barbafamilyfarms@gmail.com](mailto:Barbafamilyfarms@gmail.com)

**Less than 5 fertile eggs, less than 5 chicks under 3 months.** Dorel Ivan, Snohomish, WA, (425) 375-5160 [dorelummy@gmail.com](mailto:dorelummy@gmail.com)



### WANTED (continued)

**Looking for fertile eggs and breeder pair.** Shawn Cook, Mount Perry, Ohio (740) 409-8049 [Bad1ltr@gmail.com](mailto:Bad1ltr@gmail.com)

**1 female emu for lonely 10 month male emu companion.** Mary Notorantonio, Blackstone, MA (508) 883-7024 [Harleyco2@comcast.net](mailto:Harleyco2@comcast.net)

**Fertile eggs, a couple chicks up to 1 yr.** Doug Cardiel, Bakersfield, CA (661) 440-4611 [Its420doug@yahoo.com](mailto:Its420doug@yahoo.com)

**Fertile eggs and emus of all ages.** Karen Crawford, Graham, WA (360) 893-5640 [ccpygmy@yahoo.com](mailto:ccpygmy@yahoo.com)  
[www.countrycritterspygmys.com](http://www.countrycritterspygmys.com)

## Did you know .....

**Emu Today & Tomorrow** is the emu industry's premier magazine? Published four times a year, ET&T provides insight to current emu market trends and how-to guides for emu farming. Partnering with the AEA, ET&T also offers on its website [EmuToday.com](http://EmuToday.com) a wealth of resources and tools for raising emus.

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## Emu Egg Exchange

The AEA board has been discussing a fertile emu egg exchange. This could be an opportunity for new farmers or farmers with a limited genetics to diversify their breeding stock.



Being as there is currently lots of unregulated egg shipping and hatching going on in pet groups, we think it's important that we, as emu farmers, have an interest in animal husbandry, proper record keeping and the lawful transfer of fertile eggs.

Since the AEA cannot be involved in the actual sales or exchanges, we have assembled some general suggestions for exchanging eggs.

**1.) Please comply with your state and the destination state's, agricultural laws** concerning the shipping of hatching eggs (some require a **health certificate for the breeding pairs or N.P.I.P. certification**).

**2.) Eggs should be from a proven breeding pair** and be at least 500g in weight.

**3.) Eggs should be properly collected, stored and laid within the last 10 days.**

**4.) Shipping costs should be paid by the shipper.** Eggs should be packed securely and shipped expedited.

**5.) Eggs should be clean and unwashed.**

**6.) All eggs should be labeled** with parentage, date laid, and weight.

**7.) All incubation is the responsibility of those receiving eggs. No warranty** should be implied.

**8.) Send your best eggs** and endeavor to lovingly incubate the ones you get.

If you would be interested in exchanging fertile emu eggs, send an email with the subject "egg exchange request" to [members@aea-emu.org](mailto:members@aea-emu.org). Be sure to include your name, address and contact information.

## Regulations on Shipping Fertile Eggs w/ or w/o NPIP [www.BackYardChickens.com](http://www.BackYardChickens.com)

April 2019

**Question:** Are there specific importation laws for each state for shipping eggs?

**Answer:** Every state has their own import regulations. There are a very few states that do not require NPIP for importing hatching eggs or live poultry. Those states will require a minimum of a Veterinarian Certificate of Health of the flock and some will also require proof of passing testing for specific diseases within a specified amount of time. Three months is a common length of time.

The rest of the states require more. With many states a copy of the NPIP certificate is acceptable. Some require both NPIP and the Veterinarian Certificate of Health along with testing for certain specified diseases. Some states even require an Import Permit if the chicks are not coming from a registered hatchery.

There are many people on Facebook & eBay who are illegally shipping hatching eggs and some are even shipping live chicks illegally. Some use the claim that NPIP does not insure that the source is disease free as an excuse. Some don't want the intrusion into their life that being NPIP requires.

## Shipping Fertile Eggs (continued)

Right now California is having its own nightmare because someone illegally brought an infected fighting cock into California. Someone who wanted to protect their pet birds from the quarantine and euthanasia going on in California, illegally moved their infected birds to Utah thus spreading the disease. Now it has been spread to Arizona due to another person illegally moving their birds across state lines.

Some people have the mistaken idea that the hatching eggs can't spread diseases, but that is not the case. There are diseases that can be spread via hatching eggs.

It is the responsibility of the person receiving the hatching eggs or birds to demand that the person shipping provide the required paperwork to make the shipment legal. There are people that claim to be NPIP, but they do not provide the required paperwork thereby making the shipment illegal.

## N.P.I.P.

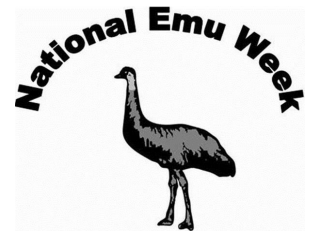
Here is an article in simple language on **How to get NPIP certified.**

<https://backyardpoultry.iamcountryside.com/feed-health/how-to-get-npip-certified/>

This is a list of the **state NPIP Agencies** – Jan 2021  
<http://www.poultryimprovement.org/documents/OfficialStateAgencies.pdf>

## National Emu Week (N.E.W.)

National Emu Week (N.E.W.) is a 9 day period that starts each year on the first Saturday of May. National Emu Week is designated as a time to educate the public about emus and their amazing products.



In 2021 N.E.W. will be celebrated across the country from May 1st thru the 9th, allowing 9 days with two full weekends, to schedule events.

N.E.W. is a major promotional event for the emu industry. Some preparations for National Emu Week can start in February for this event in May.

National Emu Week (N.E.W.) information, tips, hints and press releases about N.E.W. with "fill-in-the-blanks" press releases that you can tailor to your own needs, can be found on the CD **"Promoting your Emu Business for National Emu Week & Beyond"**. This CD is available from Emu Today & Tomorrow (ET&T), 580-628-2933. AEA member price is \$15.00.

All emu growers are encouraged to participate in a local event, individually or with other producers, to promote their emu business during N.E.W. You can celebrate by hosting an event, offering farm tours, setting up a store or library display case, advertising a "SPECIAL" on an emu related product or by giving samples at a local store.

## REMEMBER...

**"A terrible thing happens when you don't promote your business or industry.... NOTHING !"**



**American Emu Association**  
**Certified Business Member Program**  
**Special Promotion 2021**  
*Application Period: April 1 - April 30 Annually*  
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***The CBM Advantage***

The goal of the Certified Business Member (CBM) program is to help both your company and our industry grow. Partial use of program fees has in the past included the development of the Mt. Emu infomercial, press releases and their distribution as well as production of oil and meat brochures. Plans for the coming year are just as exciting with additional advertising and educational efforts being planned. When a consumer contacts the AEA requesting more information about emus or their products it is very important that we are able to provide them with a source to shop. Thanks to all the current CBM members for their support and input this past year.

Participation in this program is an investment in your business; it is not a donation to the cause. Now more than ever, consumers are seeking reliable suppliers of AEA Certified Emu Oil and quality emu oil products. Many are turning to the AEA for this information. As a CBM your business will be among those listed on the Internet and in all AEA responses to consumer inquiries. Participation in this program will also boost the credibility of your business and provide a valuable source of online traffic. If you are unable to respond quickly to potential leads, or are only interested in leads from a specific area of the country, this program may not be suitable for your company.

The AEA is now accepting memberships for the 2021 CBM Program. **There are several requirements for membership:**

The contact person for the business must be an AEA member in good standing.

The company's principles and main operation must be located in the United States.

Any emu meat sold must be USDA or State inspected.

All emu oil sold must be AEA Certified Fully Refined Emu Oil and the company must participate in the AEA Certified Emu Oil Program. All emu oil products must contain oil that tests to specifications within the AEA Emu Oil Trade Rules.

CBM must provide a write-up about their company of 100 words or less.

The company must provide proof of product liability insurance naming the American Emu Association as an additional insured.

The company must provide a credit or debit card for monthly fees to be charged to or prepay the fees upfront.

**Special Promotion For 2021 CBM Fees:**

**SAVE \$150** - New members will be charged a reduced set-up fee of \$200 (normally \$350) that is due with the application.

All members will be charged a monthly fee of \$50 that is due and payable on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. This monthly fee is to be automatically charged to the credit card on file unless the monthly fees are prepaid.

**SAVE \$50** - Members may prepay the year in advance by check, credit card, or PayPal and receive 1 month (\$50) FREE.

**SAVE \$50** - Renewing CBM's, who get all of their CBM paperwork (including their Certified Emu Oil Program applications and paperwork) turned in by April 30, will get their first month (June) FREE.

**Benefits:**

AEA will provide an online Directory of Certified Business Members (including their write up) on the official AEA website.

AEA will provide a link from the online Directory to the websites of each Certified Business Members.

Certified Business Members will be the only recommended sources for emu oil products included in responses to media or consumer inquiries received by the AEA. Certified Business Member's name, contact, address, fax, phone number, email address, and web site URL will be included in all information disseminated.

Sales leads and information are provided via the CBM email mailing list.

All Certified Business Members' contact information is provided at all trade shows the AEA attends; along with product displays if available.

Contact any of the current Certified Business Members (or AEA) if you have any questions about the program. We are looking forward to a bigger and better program for 2021 with great excitement and anticipation. Come join!!!

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**COMPANY NAME:**

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE:**

**FAX:**

**WEBSITE ADDRESS:**

**EMAIL ADDRESS:**

**BUSINESS, RESALE OR SALES TAX ID NUMBER:**

**CONTACT PERSON / AEA MEMBER:**

**CONTACT PERSON EMAIL ADDRESS:**

**NATURE OF BUSINESS:**

**INCLUDE YOUR MOST RECENT EMU OIL CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS:** Please provide a copy of the analytical report (COA) from most recent batch of AEA Certified Emu Oil. This document can be obtained from your emu oil supplier.

**INCLUDE A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE:** Please provide a certificate of insurance as proof that you have valid product liability insurance. The AEA must be named as an additional insured on your policy. This document can be obtained from your insurance provider.

**WHAT DO YOU SELL?**

Emu Meat? Yes / No      USDA/State      If yes, include a sample of all of your meat labels  
Emu Oil Products Other Than Pure Emu Oil? Yes / No  
Emu Pure Oil? Yes / No      If yes, you are required to also fill out the applications for the  
AEA Certified Emu Oil Program if you haven't already done so, see below for more details:

AEA Certified Emu Oil Program Applications and complete program details are available online at:  
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**PRIMARY MARKET AREAS:**

**DO YOU SELL THROUGH DISTRIBUTORS?** Yes / No

**DO YOU SELL WHOLESALE OR RETAIL?**

**DO YOU EXPORT OR PLAN TO EXPORT EMU PRODUCTS?** Yes / No  
If yes, which ones?

**CBM WRITE-UP (100 words or less):**



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**CHECK ONE BELOW:**

- ☐ I am a renewing CBM and authorize the American Emu Association to charge my credit card the monthly fees detailed above.
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- ☐ I authorize the American Emu Association to charge my credit card as prepayment for my monthly fees.
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Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Card Holder: \_\_\_\_\_



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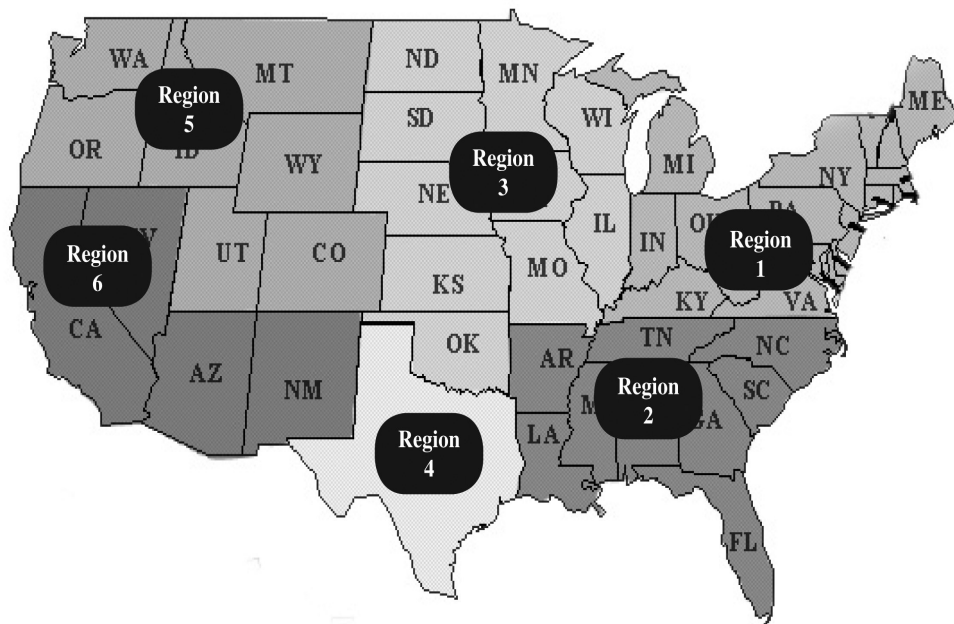
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 Somerset, PA 15501  
 811-445-7229

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 180 Fm 833 E  
 Fairfield, TX 75840  
 903-389-6169

Lemay & Sons USDA  
 116 Daniel Plummer Rd  
 Goffstown, NH 03045  
 603-622-0022

### **Value Added Emu Products**

Uvalde Meats  
 508 S wood Street  
 Uvalde, TX 78801  
 830-278-6247

Krehbiels Specialty Meats, Inc.  
 USDA  
 1636 Mohawk Rd  
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 Roseburg, OR 97471  
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## **Communication & Networking**



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