

# NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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Dear NYS landowner,

In the face of diminished and absent wild populations, DEC raises and releases pheasants around the state to provide opportunity for tens of thousands of hunters to pursue pheasants. As part of the propagation program, we provide the “Day-Old Chick Program” whereby cooperators raise chicks from a few days old until they are old enough to release. This program requires cooperators to find landowners like yourself to allow them to release birds on their property. Without landowner support, this program wouldn’t work, so thank you for your interest in participating and playing a role in the continuation of New York’s pheasant hunting traditions! For more information on the program please visit:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7271>

Program participation guidelines require the cooperator to release the pheasants on lands open and accessible to pheasant hunters. To ensure hunters know who they need to contact to obtain permission to hunt, your contact information will be listed on an interactive pheasant hunting map found on the NYSDEC’s webpage. As a cooperating landowner, you would retain liability protections afforded by the state’s General Obligations Law, provided you receive no payment for access to your lands. You also would be under no obligation to allow permission for hunters to hunt or take other game species, but you must be willing to allow public access to hunt pheasants. In the event negative behaviors or actions occur from specific hunters, you can deny access to specific hunters. Allowing pheasant releases on your property does not mean that hunters can access without your permission.

We highly recommend that you retain a copy of this agreement for your records. The following page provides the opportunity for multiple addresses to be utilized, should the cooperator be releasing pheasants on more than one property. The program participant should also provide you their contact information in case you need to reach out to them regarding details of the release. If you have any questions you may call (607)273-2768.

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Name & Phone number of Day-Old Chick Participant

By signing the below, you agree to have pheasants obtained through the Day-Old Pheasant Chick Program to be stocked on your property and to allow your information (phone number, address of lands, or email address; whichever you prefer) to be placed on the department's pheasant release map. Please complete the below fields and circle the method of contact(s) that you would prefer hunters use to obtain access.

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Printed Name

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Signature

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Phone number

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E-mail

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Property Address

***Additional Landowners***

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Printed Name

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Signature

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Phone number

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E-mail

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Property Address

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Printed Name

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Signature

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Phone number

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E-mail

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Property Address