Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

Division of Animal Health

AVIAN INFLUENZA INFORMATION SHEET

Avian Influenza and Movement of Poultry

FAST FACTS:

- The presence of a highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has been confirmed in commercial poultry flocks and a backyard flock in Wisconsin and the Midwest.
- HPAI is a highly infectious disease of chickens and turkeys and frequently results in sudden death.
- The state veterinarian issued a ban on poultry movement to shows, exhibitions and swap meets in the infected counties.
- Anyone owning a flock that is enrolled in the National Poultry Improvement Plan (HPIP), a flock that qualifies as an affiliate flock under the HPIP, or a flock that is enrolled as a Wisconsin tested flock or associate flock are also prohibited from movement to shows, exhibitions or swap meets in the infected counties.
- If you are planning to take delivery of chicks in the next few weeks, there are no restrictions in place at this time unless the birds are coming from a controlled zone.
- Keep the new birds separate from your existing flock for 30 days to ensure that the new birds do not introduce illness into your flock.
- If you planned to participate in or host a show, exhibition or swap meet outside of the infected counties, please be aware that transmission can be minimized by limiting the commingling of poultry between farms.
- If you own poultry but are not registered in accordance with the state's mandatory premises registration law, please call 888-808-1910 to register now.

If you find a sick or dead bird, don't touch it, report it.

Domestic birds: Wisconsin DATCP—Division of Animal Health
1-800-572-8981

Wild birds: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
1-800-433-1610