

Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has been affecting dairy herds in the United States since early 2024. Due to its continued spread, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued a federal order requiring mandatory testing for HPAI prior to interstate movement of lactating dairy cattle. The USDA is now offering a voluntary Dairy Herd Status program that offers dairy producers the option to monitor their herds via weekly HPAI testing of bulk tank milk samples.

Why Participate?



- Move lactating cattle without individual tests.
- Access USDA funding for biosecurity plans.
- Assist monitoring efforts to limit spread of HPAI.
- Increased confidence in disease status of your herd.



How it Works

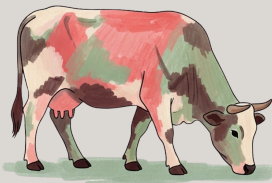
Monitored Unaffected Status is achieved once an enrolled herd submits three consecutive weeks of negative HPAI test results from bulk tank milk samples.

- Allows movement of lactating cows interstate without additional individual testing, as required under the federal order.
- All costs associated with sampling and testing are covered by the USDA.

Enrollment

Farm must submit:

1. Sampling Plan
2. Biosecurity plan
 - Including precautionary measures to reduce the risk of HPAI introduction to their herd
3. Three consecutive weekly bulk tank tests



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Maintain Status



Herds can maintain status by weekly bulk tank milk testing.

No longer meeting your needs? Enrolled herds may stop program participation anytime.

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Contact your field veterinarian or the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Division of Animal Health at (608) 224-4872 for more information.