



Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade
and Consumer Protection
Division of Animal Health



AVIAN INFLUENZA INFORMATION SHEET

Avian Influenza and Poultry Exhibits

FAST FACTS:

- The presence of a highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has been confirmed in commercial poultry flocks and some backyard flocks in Wisconsin and the Midwest.
- HPAI is a highly infectious disease of chickens and turkeys and frequently results in sudden death. The virus led to the euthanization of nearly 1.8 million birds in WI and more than 48 million nationally.
- Effective June 10, 2015, DATCP issued a statewide ban on all poultry shows and exhibitions that are not associated with a county, regional or state fair and all poultry swap meets.
- Organizers of non-fair related open poultry shows, exhibitions and all poultry swap meets should notify participants that poultry will not be allowed at these events due to the risk of avian influenza.
- Effective June 10, 2015, DATCP also issued an order requiring county, regional and state fair organizers to have poultry exhibitors certify that they have not experienced any death loss in their flock for 10 calendar days prior to the event.
- Poultry includes chickens, turkeys, farm-raised pheasants and domestic waterfowl that are raised primarily for exhibition or producing eggs or meat. The definition does not include quail, pigeons or ratites, which are large flightless birds such as ostrich and emu.
- Fair organizers must collect these certifications and keep them on file for one year after the event ends. The certification form can be found on the datcp.wi.gov site and requests the exhibitors name, address, telephone number, and premises ID number.
- Both orders expire on December 31, 2015.
- 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.
- Notification of death loss or sudden widespread illness among poultry at a fair should be made to the fair veterinarian who should then notify DATCP Division of Animal Health for an evaluation.

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

