

ATTENTION FLOCK OWNER



Spring has sprung and people across the state are adding chickens to their backyard flocks. If you intend to buy or raise chickens this spring, please consider the following tips to protect your flock from highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI):

New birds

- DATCP discourages adding new birds into backyard flocks at this time due to HPAI.
- Before adding new birds to a control area, you must contact DATCP about permitting requirements.
- Separate new birds from other birds for at least 30 days.

Existing flocks

- Implement enhanced biosecurity practices on your premises. This includes sanitation and restricting movement of people, animals, and equipment.
- Discourage co-mingling of waterfowl and domestic birds and poultry; if possible, move all birds indoors.
- Restrict access to surface water and the surrounding environment by poultry and prevent wild birds access to poultry feed, water, and other environments strictly for poultry.

Not sure if your property is in the control area?

Call our Avian Influenza Response Line at (608) 224-4902 to check your address and have your questions answered by our experts.

Check our website for more information about HPAI and biosecurity guidelines:

datcp.wi.gov

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