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HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA

What is Avian Influenza?

Avian Influenza (AI) is caused by an influenza type A virus which can infect poultry. Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) is a serious disease and requires rapid response because it is highly contagious and often fatal to poultry. The goal is to quickly contain and eradicate the disease, protecting our poultry industry, and in turn, the American consumer.

Biosecurity Guidelines

Keep your Distance

- Restrict visitor access to your birds
- Prevent contact with wild birds (especially waterfowl)
- Refrain from visiting other poultry production locations

Keep it Clean

- Have dedicated clothing and footwear when working with your birds
- Disinfect footwear before entering your barn or coop
- Wash hands with soap and water before and after handling your birds

Wildlife Control

- Reduce availability of food, water and any potential nesting areas for wild birds
- Fix holes in roofs, screens and walls of poultry barns or coops

Don't Haul the Virus Home

- Clean and disinfect all wheels on vehicles that have visited a poultry farm
- Clean and disinfect all equipment borrowed from other poultry producers

Know the Symptoms

- Decrease in water or feed consumption
- Quietness among the flock
- Decrease in egg production
- Sudden increase of death in your flock



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