



Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has been detected in domestic poultry in the United States. Birds can be infected with HPAI and show no signs of illness. They can carry the disease to new areas when migrating. All bird owners should prevent contact between their birds and wild birds and report sick birds or unusual bird deaths to State/Federal officials, either through their state veterinarian (405) 522-6141, Local USDA VS office (405) 751-1701 or through USDA's toll-free number at 1-866-536-7593.

The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) urges all poultry growers to make sure they are doing everything possible to keep their birds healthy and reduce the risk that an infectious disease will spread from their property to other flocks. Anyone involved with poultry production—commercial or backyard flocks alike—should review their biosecurity plan and enhance their biosecurity practices to assure the health of their birds.

The APHIS Defend the Flock public education program provides checklists, videos, webinars, and educational resources to help poultry growers learn good biosecurity. All materials can be found at www.bit.ly/DefendtheFlock-Resources2022 and are free and available 24/7.

Biosecurity is the key to keeping our nation's poultry healthy, and a responsibility that we all share. Let's keep our poultry healthy together!

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<u>Video: Biosecurity Practices to Protect Your Poultry</u>

English: www.bit.ly/Defend the Flock VideoEN

Spanish: www.bit.ly/Defend the Flock VideoSP

Biosecurity Checklists

Checklist to Protect Against Wild Birds, Rodents, and Insects: www.bit.ly/DefendtheFlock Wild Birds

Checklist for Cleaning and Disinfecting Poultry Enclosures: www.bit.ly/DefendtheFlock Clean Disinfect

Checklist for Equipment and Vehicles: www.bit.ly/DefendtheFlock Equipment Vehicles

Checklist for Personnel and Visitors: www.bit.ly/DefendtheFlock Personnel Visitors