USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
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Avian influenza is here.
Act now to help stop the spread.

Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) is a highly contagious, deadly disease affecting poultry across the United States. It can wipe out entire flocks within days, making it a major threat to the poultry industry, animal health, farm operations, producer livelihoods, and the U.S. economy. **Immediate action is critical.**

KNOW THE SIGNS

Watch your birds for symptoms of HPAI, including:

- **Trouble breathing**
- **Lack of appetite**
- **Nasal discharge**
- **Decreased egg production**
- **Sudden or unexplained death**

If you see signs of illness, act immediately.

Isolate sick birds and call 1-866-536-7593 or contact your local veterinarian or State animal health official.

WVDA's Animal Health Division
304-348-2214

TAKE ACTION TO STOP THE SPREAD

Wild birds are the primary carrier of the virus, and people can unknowingly spread it on boots, clothing, equipment, and vehicles. **Biosecurity is the best defense**—these everyday actions can help protect your flock and prevent the spread of HPAI.



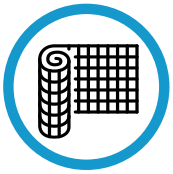
Clean Up

Disinfect all equipment, tools, and clothing before and after use. Keep feed, water, and bedding clean. Wash hands often.



Step Up

Wear dedicated farm boots or shoe covers to prevent contamination. Use a footbath to disinfect footwear at entry and exit points.



Divide Up

Keep poultry separated from other animals. Use covered enclosures or netting to reduce contact with wild birds. Limit visitors whenever possible.



Brush Up

Monitor flock health every day. Keep records current. Make sure everyone who enters poultry areas knows the signs of HPAI and follows biosecurity steps.

Free, voluntary biosecurity assessments are available.

For poultry producers with 500 or more birds, USDA offers two types of free biosecurity assessments and will **reimburse up to 75% of the costs** for on-farm improvements.

GET FREE TOOLS, GUIDANCE, AND BIOSECURITY RESOURCES
from the Defend the Flock Resource Center.
Learn more or request a free biosecurity assessment:
www.aphis.usda.gov/defend-the-flock-program

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