

Backyard Poultry: HPAI Protection Guide

Signs of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Birds

- Sudden & high number of deaths
- Drop in egg production
- Bluish comb, wattles, legs
- Nasal discharge & sneezing
- Stumbling or falling
- Lack of energy & appetite
- Swelling of eyelids & comb
- Difficulty breathing
- Twisting of head & neck
- Diarrhea

Biosecurity Measures



Limit Movement

Monitor & record all movement of people, vehicles, animals on farm



Indoor Housing

Keep birds indoors or in covered outdoor enclosures



Disinfection

Clean all equipment, vehicles, footwear, and contact items with appropriate disinfectants



Avoid Contact

Keep flock away from wild or migratory birds (waterfowl)
No poultry swaps

If You Notice Signs of HPAI:

MARYLAND

Email: md.birdflu@maryland.gov

Call: 410.841.5810

DELAWARE

Email: poultry.health@delaware.gov

Call: 410.841.5810

Do NOT move sick or dead birds off-site



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