

# ***In Case of HPAI Break Glass.....***

If your farm should become affected by the disease or becomes located within a 10 mile radius of an infected poultry premise, there are testing, documents and information that will be requested to quickly process your farm and expedite the removal of your premise from under a quarantined status.

During the recent 2014 -2015 outbreaks, the federal government has provided indemnity funds to Western and Mid-Western US farmers affected by HPAI. The government does not provide the finished or emotional value of your birds, however, provides a *fair estimate* as agreed to by federally certified appraisers. The more accurate and complete your documents and receipts, the quicker your MDA/USDA case manager can help restore your farm operations back to normal. Please note the USDA will only pay for living animals, so please call MDA promptly if you have sick birds. **(410)-841-5810**

Please give thought to, retain, secure, collocate and have accessible the following information:

- 1) Current live animal poultry receipts**
- 2) Current flock information including the inventory by house/barn**
  - a. (species, breed, age, sex, production stage, number molted, number of days post-molt, number of days in lay, number of eggs)
- 3) Who will handle the following tasks** (Poultry owner, Farm owner, farm/poultry owner, contractor, USDA VS (NVS) paid contractor, etc.):
  - a. Euthanize birds and by what method:
  - b. Remove dead birds from the building:
  - c. Disposal of dead birds:
    - i. by burial, incineration, transport in bio-bags or sealed containers to landfill
  - d. Remove manure/litter from the building:
  - e. Disposal of manure and litter from the farm;
    - i. composted on site, filled bio-bags-removed by transport to landfill
  - f. Cleaning and disinfection of premises and conveyances:
  - g. Removal and disposal of material that cannot be cleaned and disinfected:

Your willingness to keep Maryland free from infectious and foreign diseases is to be commended. By increasing the biosecurity, safety and sanitation practices on your farm and hopefully helping your neighbor do the same, assists all of Maryland to “stamp out” the Foreign Animal Disease known as Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)



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