

HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI) IN POULTRY

What to look for if a poultry producer/owner calls your office:

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza is a deadly poultry disease. It can affect all types of chickens, gamebirds and turkeys, plus many other kinds of domestic and wild birds. Birds coming in direct or indirect contact with waterfowl are at the highest risk of contracting the virus.

KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS:

1. Sudden increase in bird deaths without clinical signs
2. Respiratory signs: difficult breathing, coughing, sneezing, nasal discharge (runny nose)
3. Lack of energy and decreased feed consumption
4. Decrease in egg production; soft or thin shelled or misshapen eggs
5. Swelling of the head, eyelids, comb, wattles, and hocks
6. Purple discoloration of the wattles, comb and legs
7. Stumbling or falling down; any paralysis
8. Diarrhea

REPORT ANY SICK BIRDS: If the owners' birds are sick or dying, report it immediately! This is one of the most important things you can do to keep HPAI from spreading. Please do not let sick or dead birds come to your office or to a vet clinic to help keep disease concerns contained.

DISEASE REPORTING PHONE NUMBERS:

State Veterinarian Office: (615) 837-5120

USDA Nashville Office: (615) 781-5310



www.tn.gov/agriculture/article/ag-businesses-birdflu

www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth

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HPAI Disease Response Chart

1. *HPAI suspect reported by Owner, Producer, Veterinarian or County Extension Agent: notify State Veterinarian or USDA Assistant District Director immediately*
2. *Foreign Animal Disease diagnostician investigates*
3. *Confirms symptoms to be consistent with HPAI*
4. *Premises quarantined, samples sent to the appropriate lab*