



## WHAT IS TENNESSEE DOING FOR HPAI PREPAREDNESS?

**October 23, 2016 update.** Tennessee has been very pro-active with respect to its HPAI preparedness efforts and heightened biosecurity measures as follows:

- Tennessee's Emergency Management Agency officials have been conducting bi-weekly disaster preparedness meetings throughout the fall along with TN's State Veterinarian, the Dept. of Agriculture, USDA and TPA representatives. These officials would be involved in controlling zones, managing emergency manpower and responsibilities, as well as assisting with depopulation, disposal, cleaning & disinfection and re-population efforts in the event of an outbreak.
- TN has an AI Plan, an HPAI Response Plan and a Depopulation & Disposal SOP in place.
- A table top exercises was last conducted September 3<sup>rd</sup> in Nashville by TEMA, TDA and USDA that was additionally attended by poultry company live production team members, veterinarians and TN Poultry Association representatives.
- TN's State Veterinarian has conducted a hands-on training exercise with the state's foaming equipment out in the field this fall involving their personnel, along with the live production team members from the hosting complex.
- The State Veterinarian's office is planning a training on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> at the Ellington Ag Center in Nashville to train additional state employees as volunteers to help manage the various zones and responsibilities in the event of an outbreak.
- All working relationships are comfortably well-established across all parties and agencies, and TN is proud to report that all USDA officials in TN have been great to work with and that everyone appreciates all that they are doing.
- The Univ. of TN has an Avian Influenza task force in place and is working closely with TDA and TPA to create more awareness across the state by reaching out to every practicing veterinarian, county extension agent, and feed store across the state to make sure everyone is aware of the symptoms of AI and how to respond if disease is suspected or detected.
- TPA is participating in the *All In or All Gone* biosecurity campaign ([www.allinorallgone.com/](http://www.allinorallgone.com/)) to enhance awareness and preventative measures taken by the growers and poultry companies.
- TPA has cancelled its grower educational meetings that were originally planned for Nov. 10-12 around the state, due to the heightened biosecurity concerns and measures in place.
- All commercial poultry complexes in TN are operating on what most everyone is referring to as "code yellow" with respect to their heightened biosecurity measures and protocol with non-essential personnel being denied access.

