

Lessons Learned – A discussion of industry experts on AI epidemiology and industry response



At the International Production & Processing Expo in January, USPOULTRY and United Egg Producers (UEP) sponsored a program on “Lessons Learned” from the 2015 HPAI outbreak. A discussion moderated by Dr. John Glisson focused on key aspects of the disease as well as case studies and the coordinated federal, state and industry response.

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**PROTECT YOUR FARM.
PROTECT YOUR LIVELIHOOD.**

Lessons learned from the 2015 HPAI outbreak

- Wild birds introduced the virus initially but the spread from farm to farm was primarily by movement of people, vehicles and equipment.
- It is important to have a point of demarcation between clean and dirty on each poultry house. The most important line of biosecurity is the poultry house door.
- A major breach in biosecurity was the sharing of labor and equipment between farms.
- Vaccination against HPAI does not prevent infection or shed of the virus. Vaccination alone cannot be used to eradicate the virus.
- Growers need to be clean each and every time they enter a poultry house. Plan your work to minimize the number of times per day that a house must be entered.
- Biosecurity programs must work as well on weekends and holidays as they do during the week.

Practicing vigilance each and every day pays off. Lesson learned? **ALL IN or ALL GONE.**