



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

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Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) Update and Biosecurity Advisory

To: California Poultry Producers

Over the past couple of months, California has had detections of HPAI in commercial and backyard poultry flocks. Updates for California poultry specifically can be found on our [Avian Influenza Website](#). Detections of HPAI continue to also be found in domestic birds, wild birds, and dairies nationally ([USDA APHIS H5N1 Influenza Detections](#)). Dairies, wild waterfowl, and raptors remain the largest threats of H5N1 introduction to domestic poultry in California. The risk of disease entering domestic poultry flocks is always present.

To protect your flocks, we request that you continue to separate poultry from wild birds and dairy cows if you can. This action is particularly important if there is ANY water in the vicinity that may attract and congregate wild waterfowl or if you have dairy cows on your farm or share a fence line with a dairy. We recommend housing poultry inside and discouraging any interaction with wild birds, particularly migrating or resident waterfowl and raptors, and dairy cows.

We ask that California producers continue to keep their birds indoors through June 2026.

The risk to each farm may be different, so it is important to consider your situation when complying with this request. If you are certified organic and want to make changes to housing, you should contact your certifier *before* altering confinement and meet their requirements to remain certified. Thank you for your cooperation.

For more information about Avian Influenza, please visit:

www.cdfa.ca.gov/go/avianinfluenza

Sincerely,

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