

## **Fall Avian Influenza Update**

Although Wyoming has experienced a recent lull in highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) outbreaks, the United States continues to experience HPAI outbreaks among back yard and commercial poultry flocks. Recently HPAI outbreaks were identified both in North Dakota and in Utah along the Wyoming border, including other states. As we are headed into fall, it is expected that the United States, including Wyoming, will see an increase in HPAI outbreaks among poultry flocks due to exposure from migratory birds. Peak of fall bird migration in Wyoming is late September through mid-November.

The biggest risk of HPAI transmission to our poultry flocks comes from wild birds, particularly *migratory waterfowl*. These wild birds oftentimes do not appear ill, despite being infected with avian influenza. To reduce exposure of poultry to migratory waterfowl there are two important steps:

- 1) Identify if you live near a water attractant(s) for wild water fowl, which puts your poultry at higher risk and
- 2) Take appropriate actions to ensure your poultry do not commingle with wild waterfowl

Attached to this email is an infographic with information on how to manage wildlife to prevent HPAI in poultry flocks.

Additional information on HPAI and biosecurity recommendations to keep your flock safe can be found at the USDA APHIS Defend the Flock website:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/avian/defend-the-flock-program>

## **Human Health**

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the recent HPAI detections [do not present an immediate public health concern](#).

## **How To Report Sick Birds**

Report any illness or unexplained deaths in birds, especially in wild waterfowl or domestic poultry, to the following:

Wild waterfowl - WGFD Wildlife Health Laboratory, 307.745.5865

Domestic poultry or waterfowl

- Wyoming Livestock Board, 307.777.7515
- Outside of regular business hours, please contact either Dr. Hallie Hasel, 307.840.1389, or Dr. Teckla Webb, 307.286.1447, directly via cell phone.
- USDA APHIS Veterinary Services Wyoming, 307-432-7960

Thank you for helping keep Wyoming poultry flocks safe!