



Wyoming Livestock Board

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HPAI Recommendations for Exhibition Lactating Dairy Cattle

Situation update:

In late March 2024, Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) was detected in lactating dairy cattle. Since then, HPAI has been detected in dairy cattle across the country, including Wyoming. Transmission of the virus is not fully understood, but the virus can be spread from cow to cow and from dairy cattle to poultry. Additionally, human cases have been linked to the dairy cattle outbreak, indicating spread from cows to humans.

On April 25, 2024, USDA issued a [federal order](#) requiring testing of lactating cattle moving between states. Currently, there are no testing requirements for dairy cattle moving within the state of Wyoming, but testing is recommended prior to movement to an exhibition event.

Recommendations prior to movement:

1. Monitor cattle for signs of HPAI
 - Clinical signs include:
 - Sudden drop in milk production
 - Decreased appetite
 - Thickened milk
 - Tacky or loose feces
 - Fever
 - Respiratory signs such as nasal discharge, increased breathing rate, or difficulty breathing
 - If signs are noted, **contact your veterinarian immediately.**
 - Sick cattle should not travel.
2. Practice biosecurity
 - Prevent commingling of cattle between different premises.
 - Isolate cattle after they have attended an event and monitor for signs of HPAI for 30 days.
 - Isolate sick cattle.
3. Test lactating dairy cattle for HPAI prior to movement to an event.
 - The Wyoming Livestock Board has testing recommendations for lactating dairy cattle that are moving to exhibition events.

Recommendations at events:

1. Continue to monitor cattle for signs of HPAI.
2. Limit commingling of cattle between premises as much as possible.
3. Limit the public's contact with raw milk.

Please contact the Wyoming Livestock Board at (307) 777-7515 or lsbforms-applications@wyo.gov with any questions or concerns.

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