

Wyoming Administrative Rules

Livestock Board

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Chapter 26: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Mitigation Rules

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“Emergency rules are in effect no longer than 120 days after filing with the Registrar of Rules.”

Section 1. Authority to Create Rules. The following rules are promulgated pursuant to Wyoming Statute 11-18-103(a)(v).

Section 2. Background. Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) is a contagious viral disease that can infect poultry, including chickens, turkeys, pheasants, quail, ducks, geese, and guinea fowl, and is carried by free flying waterfowl, such as ducks, geese, and shorebirds. The disease can cause high mortality rates in domestic flocks. As of April 8, 2022, HPAI has been detected in commercial and backyard poultry and game bird operations in half of the states in the U.S., including five premises within Wyoming. Due to the increased risk of HPAI spread within Wyoming poultry, game bird, and wild bird populations, increased biosecurity is of the utmost importance.

Section 3. Mitigation Measures.

(a) For the duration of these emergency rules, all poultry events, including exhibitions, swaps, tours, sales, and competitions, are prohibited. This prohibition does not include catalog or retail sale of poultry.

(b) The Wyoming Livestock Board, in consultation with the State Veterinarian, will monitor the spread and severity of the HPAI outbreak and will reevaluate these rules accordingly.