



## Protecting Against High-Path Avian Influenza *A Checklist for Producers*

*Follow these simple recommendations to increase your biosecurity practices and protect your flock from the potentially devastating effects of avian influenza.*

### Prepare Now Before HPAI Affects You

1. **Register your flock premises.** Knowing where poultry is located throughout the state will assist in response and recovery. Visit [www.agriculture.pa.gov](http://www.agriculture.pa.gov) or call 717-836-3235 to register.
2. **Keep biosecurity plans up to date.** Biosecurity is the first and, arguably, best line of defense. Keep your distance from other flocks and wild birds. Keep your premise and equipment clean. Keep traffic to a minimum. Keep your employees trained on biosecurity. And keep your flock safe in the process.
3. **Have a written Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) Producer Response Work Plan.** Knowing how you intend to manage your flock should it become infected is critical. It will help you respond sooner. Look under the Avian Influenza tab at [www.agriculture.pa.gov](http://www.agriculture.pa.gov) for a template for how to depopulate and dispose of your flock should it become infected. Use the PDA Producer Response Work Plan, available there to help you prepare and to fill out the mandated USDA Flock Plan.
4. **Manage your records.** Maintaining a current inventory of your flock will be important for mortality indemnity purposes, as well as dealing with your financial partners and insurance agents. Additionally, if you are growing under contract, review your rights and obligations in the event of a disease outbreak on your farm.
5. **Be vigilant!** Inspect poultry daily for signs of illness or increased mortality, and if you have or suspect an illness in your flock, contact the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture at 717-772-2852.

More information and print-ready resources, including the flock plan template, as well as links to partner information and tools, is under the Avian Influenza page on [www.agriculture.pa.gov](http://www.agriculture.pa.gov).

Although the risk of H5N2 infection in humans remains low, in the event of an outbreak, people who have had contact with HPAI-infected birds should immediately call the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH) at 1-877-PA-HEALTH (1-877-724-3258) to report the development of conjunctivitis (eye infection), fever, or respiratory flu-like symptoms, such as cough, runny nose, or sore throat. The department will assist with medical evaluation, any indicated testing, and treatment, if needed.

### Contacts and Resources

Integrator Name: _____	Lender Name: _____	Ins. Agent Name: _____
Primary Contact: _____	Primary Contact: _____	Primary Contact: _____
Phone #: _____	Phone #: _____	Phone #: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____	Email: _____

**Report possible outbreak by calling 717-772-2852.**

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**Reach the Pennsylvania Veterinary Laboratory by calling 717- 787-8808 or visit [http://www.padls.org/images/PA\\_DLSUserGuide.pdf](http://www.padls.org/images/PA_DLSUserGuide.pdf).**