

emergency plans that would directly impact any farms with birds that have signs of Avian Influenza.

What to Do if You Suspect Avian Influenza H5N1 in Your Flock

If your fowl show the following signs, they may be infected with Avian Influenza H5N1: decreased appetite, severe depression, a drastic decline in egg production, swollen combs and wattles, hemorrhages on internal membrane surfaces and sudden deaths. If you see these signs, contact your veterinarian or state regulatory agency IMMEDIATELY. They will perform the necessary laboratory tests required to confirm the disease. In most cases, it is best to start by calling your veterinarian. They will know the protocols you should take and should be able to assist you in finding the proper phone numbers

of regulatory agencies.

In Michigan, flock owners should call their veterinarian or MDA at (517) 373-1077. In Ohio, flock owners should call their veterinarian or the Ohio Department of Agriculture at 1-800-282-

1955. In Indiana, flock owners should contact the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory located at Purdue University at (765) 494-7440 to submit dead birds for

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MICHIGAN	
Your veterinarian	
Michigan Department of Agriculture	(517) 373-1077
INDIANA	
Your veterinarian	
Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab at Purdue	(765) 494-7440
OHIO	
Your veterinarian	
Ohio Department of Agriculture	1-800-282-1955
WISCONSIN	
Your veterinarian	
Wisconsin State Veterinarian	(608) 224-4872
USDA Veterinary Services in Wisconsin	(608) 270-4000

MMPA Quality Premium Program

Somatic Cell Count premiums and deductions (in addition to Federal Order SCC Adjustments computed in the producer pay price) will be paid at the following levels:

- 50,000 or below +45¢ / cwt.
- 51,000 - 75,000 +40¢ / cwt.
- 76,000 - 100,000 +35¢ / cwt.
- 101,000 - 125,000 +30¢ / cwt.
- 126,000 - 150,000 +25¢ / cwt.
- 151,000 - 175,000 +20¢ / cwt.
- 176,000 - 200,000 +15¢ / cwt.
- 201,000 - 225,000 +10¢ / cwt.
- 226,000 - 275,000 +05¢ / cwt.
- 600,001 - 750,000 -10¢ / cwt.
- Over 750,000 -50¢ / cwt.

A payment of 5¢ / cwt. will be added for each of the following, if the count is equal to or below:

- 10,000 Raw Bacteria Count
- 20,000 Pre-Incubated (PI) Count

There will be a deduction of 10¢ / cwt. for the following criteria:

- Greater than 100,000 Raw Bacteria Count

A high raw count deduction will be waived if the producer has received the quality premium the previous three months for raw bacteria count.

To qualify for Raw, PI and Somatic Cell Count premiums there must **not** be any of the following during the month:

- Positive drug residue
- Abnormal freeze points
- High load count shipment or rejected load shipment
- #3 or #4 sediment *
- Raw Bacteria count over 100,000 *

The count levels for raw and PI will be determined on one test run per month.

** Note: These do not affect the somatic cell count premium.*

To qualify for MMPA volume premiums there must be:

- No abnormal freeze points during the month
- An average somatic cell count of 750,000 or less.

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testing. In Wisconsin, producers are encouraged to contact their veterinarian or the Wisconsin State Veterinarian at (608) 224-4872 or the USDA Veterinary Services office in Wisconsin at (608) 270-4000.

What Happens After the Call

It is likely that regardless of which state you live in, your farm will be placed under quarantine if Avian Influenza H5N1 is found or suspected on the farm. Areas surrounding infected farms may also be quarantined within a 5-10 mile radius.

In Michigan, the regulatory agency (likely MDA) will come out immediately to collect and test the birds. If Avian Influenza H5N1 is found, the entire farm will immediately be placed under quarantine, likely for a period of up to two weeks. The humane depopulation of the remaining live domestic fowl will occur immediately, possibly by MDA or USDA personnel. While under quarantine, no domestic fowl or any other livestock may move off the farm. The regulatory agencies will also impose strict quarantine requirements to move anything, including milk, off the farm.

In Indiana, the farm will be placed under immediate quarantine and no milk will be allowed to be picked up until after the birds have been depopulated and the regulatory agencies lift the quarantine.

At press time, Ohio and Wisconsin were currently working on their plans to deal with dairy farms having fowl that are found positive for Avian Influenza H5N1.

Hauling Milk From a Quarantined Farm in Michigan

In Michigan, milk will be allowed to be picked up under stringent biosecurity measures. Haulers must follow strict procedures to sanitize the milk truck, tires, and footwear. They may also be required to wear disposable clothing that they will likely be required to dispose of at the infected farm.

MMPA is working very closely with state regulatory agencies and milk haulers to have proper sanitizing equipment and clothing in place in the event that an outbreak of Avian Influenza H5N1 occurs. MMPA currently handles a variety of foot sanitizers, disposable footwear and disposable clothing through MMPA Merchandise that would be suitable for this application.

MMPA Member Representatives are currently being trained to

be able to set up proper sanitizing procedures on any farm that is infected.

In the coming weeks, MMPA will be identifying all member farms who have domesticated fowl on their operations, even if it is only a few birds. We ask for your cooperation in letting us know if you do have domestic fowl on your farm.

It is important to note that currently there is little health risk to humans or cows even if Avian Influenza H5N1 is found in the United States, but it is devastating to birds. Cows cannot contract the disease in its current form and therefore cannot transmit the virus in milk. If you have any questions regarding Avian Influenza H5N1 and how it could affect your farming operation, please contact your veterinarian or state animal health regulatory agency.



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