



PROTECT YOUR BACKYARD FLOCK FROM AVIAN INFLUENZA

Avian influenza is a disease carried by migratory birds such as geese and ducks. Poultry are very susceptible to this disease and will die or become very sick upon contact with the virus.

HOW TO DETECT AVIAN INFLUENZA

- Unexplained sudden death
- Swelling of head
- Purple discoloration of comb and wattles
- Sudden drop of feed and water consumption
- Lethargy, depression

HOW THE DISEASE IS TRANSMITTED

- Contact with fecal material from wild birds
- Contact with infected birds
- Contact with contaminated equipment
- Contact with contaminated boots and clothing

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR FLOCK

- Wear dedicated footwear and clothing to work with your birds
- Wash your hands before and after working with birds
- Keep poultry inside their coop to avoid contact with wild birds
- Clean and disinfect equipment in contact with birds
- Remove birdhouses and feeders used by wild birds
- Limit visitors to your premises

Report unexplained illness or death in your flock to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture at 717-772-2852.



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