

Important Information about Avian Influenza from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) in conjunction with the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has confirmed the presence of highly pathogenic H5N2 avian influenza (HPAI) in two commercial layer flocks in Dixon County, Nebraska. Both farms are under quarantine, and the birds on both properties will be depopulated. NDA is working with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality to ensure proper disposal of dead birds. A perimeter has been established around both operations and NDA will be visiting all locations that have poultry and are within a 6.2 mile radius of the impacted farms to conduct testing. NDA is attempting to control and contain the virus as quickly as possible and is seeking your assistance in that effort.

As part of those efforts, our staff has made the determination that swap meets, exotic sales and live bird auctions east of Highway 281 will **not be permitted** to sell poultry until further notice. In addition, poultry from east of Highway 281 will **not be permitted** to be sold at swap meets, exotic sales and live bird auctions anywhere in Nebraska until further notice. Questions on this topic may be directed to Dr. Tom Schomer at (402) 471-2351.

NDA greatly appreciates your assistance in helping us control and contain this virus. You can find additional information including printable fact sheets on avian influenza on our website at: <http://www.nda.nebraska.gov/animal/avian/index.html>.