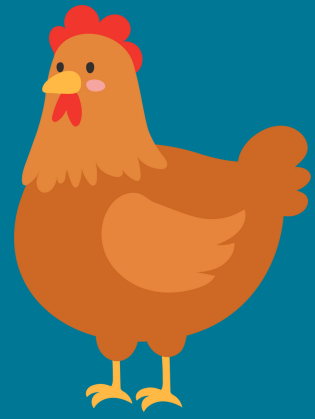


Protect Yourself from Avian Flu



Avian influenza (bird flu) is a serious concern for farmers, affecting both livestock and human health. Recent data underscores the importance of proactive measures to protect your farm and well-being.

Why You Should Be Concerned

- **Human Cases:** Since April 2024, there have been 70 confirmed human cases of H5N1 bird flu in the United States. Of these, 26 cases were linked to exposure to infected poultry, while 41 cases were associated with contact with sick dairy cows.
- **Animal Outbreaks:** The USDA reports that since March 2024, 989 dairy herds across 17 states have experienced H5N1 infections. Additionally, over 90.9 million birds have been affected in 336 commercial and 207 backyard flocks since April 2024.
- **Human Fatalities:** As of January 6, 2025, the U.S. recorded its first death from H5N1 bird flu, highlighting the virus's potential severity.

Protect Your Farm and Health



Strengthen biosecurity measures

- Restrict entry to poultry areas to essential personnel only.
- Secure your facilities to keep wild birds and other animals away from your flock.
- Regularly disinfect equipment, vehicles, and footwear to minimize contamination risks.



Use personal protective equipment (PPE)

- Utilize gloves, masks, and protective clothing when handling birds or cleaning enclosures.
- Follow correct procedures when removing PPE to avoid self-contamination.

Protect Your Farm and Health (cont.)



Practice rigorous hygiene

- Thoroughly wash hands with soap and water after handling birds or equipment.
- Refrain from touching your face, especially eyes, nose, and mouth, during farm activities.



Stay informed and prepared

- Be aware of any flu-like symptoms in yourself or workers and seek medical attention if necessary.



Monitor animal health

- Be vigilant for signs of illness in birds, such as sudden death, respiratory distress, or decreased egg production.
- Contact the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) promptly if you suspect an outbreak.
 - Phone: (608) 224-4872 (business hours) or (800) 943-0003 (after hours and weekends)
 - Email: datcpanimalimports@wisconsin.gov

For more information:

CDC: H5 Bird Flu Current Situation –
<https://www.cdc.gov/bird-flu/situation-summary>

Wisconsin Department of Health Services: Avian Influenza –
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/influenza/avian.htm>



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