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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BUREAU OF ANIMAL HEALTH AND DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES

Brief Summary Regarding Enactment of

General Quarantine Order; Enhanced Live Bird Market Production Flock and Live Bird Market Supplier Flock Surveillance, Quarantine Area Requirements

- Poultry is the second biggest contributor to Pennsylvania's \$34B livestock industry contributing a whopping \$7.1B to the state's economy.
- The Department is seeing a disturbing trend of flock owners mistakenly thinking they can get rid of sick ducks and keep apparently healthy ducks and disease could be eliminated.
- Current strain of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N1 (HPAI) circulating in PA is known to be a waterfowl adapted strain and shed in ducks long term; some show classic clinical signs, some don't, but all pose great threat to domestic poultry production because they shed high viral loads.
- Bird losses in Pennsylvania from Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) to date are slightly over one-quarter of the losses experienced in 1983 when approximately 17,000,000 were lost across 400 farms at a cost of \$65M in 1983 dollars but we cannot afford for history to repeat itself and current trends are alarming.
- This Order is established to eliminate the threat posed of highly pathogenic avian influenza to Live Bird Market Production and Supply Flocks.
- The area covered by this Order are the following townships constituting the "Quarantine Area" Brecknock, Caernarvon, Clay, Colerain, Earl, East Earl, East Cocalico, Ephrata, Little Britain, Salisbury, Upper Leacock, West Cocalico, and West Earl Townships, Lancaster County and East Nottingham, Honeybrook, Lower Oxford, Upper Oxford, West Fallowfield, West Nantmeal, and West Nottingham Townships, Chester County.
- All Live Bird Market Production Flock and Live Bird Market Supplier Flock owners shall allow access to their premises and poultry flocks for the purposes of testing for avian influenza by the Department.
- Only state or federal animal health officials, licensed class II accredited veterinarians or a department authorized, certified poultry technicians are allowed to collect samples.
- Live Bird Market Production Flock and Live Bird Market Supplier Flock HPAI samplers are strictly prohibited from collecting samples within the *Quarantine Area*.
- A person who collects samples on a premises where the poultry displayed clinical signs consistent with Avian Influenza or collected samples that tested positive are NOT permitted to visit other farms with poultry or collect samples for 3 days.
- If person authorized to sample poultry receives a report of sick poultry on a premises, they shall not enter the premises and must call (717) 772-2852 and press option 1 to speak to a veterinarian on call. A state or federal animal health official will sample the poultry on their behalf.

- Testing and sampling on each premises will continue at a frequency and duration set by the Department. Flocks shall not be sampled more frequently than once every 72 hours and shall be sampled at a minimum, each week for 3 consecutive weeks and until all premises subject to this General Quarantine Order have no detections for Avian Influenza, and premises with non-negative results have depopulated all poultry, completed all disposal, cleaning and initial virus elimination, as directed by the Department, and a minimum of 14 days has elapsed with no additional detections for Avian Influenza in the *Quarantine Area* and the *Quarantine Area* has been released, in writing, by the Department.
- Movement - No poultry, live or dead poultry, live or unprocessed poultry goods and products, poultry litter, poultry or poultry goods and products handling equipment and articles, conveyances, vehicles, containers and materials shall move onto, within, from or out of *Quarantine Area* or off of or onto a Live Bird Market Production Flock premises or Live Bird Market Supplier Flock premises unless they have been properly tested in accordance with the testing standards and requirements established in this Order.
- All Live Bird Market Production Flock or Live Bird Market Supplier Flock owners shall immediately report any previous disease and any full or partial flock self-depopulations, upticks in mortalities or clinical signs suggestive of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza by calling the Department at 717-772-2852 and press option 1.
- All Livestock Market owners, Live Bird Market owners, distributors, dealers and haulers and their agents as well as any person within the distribution system, as defined in this General Quarantine Order are required to report clinical signs suspicious of HPAI as well as any attempted unpermitted movement and sales from Live Bird Market Production Flocks or Live Bird Market Supplier Flocks from within the *Quarantine Area* to the Department by calling 717-772-2852 option 1.
- Effective immediately all Live Bird Market Production and Supply flocks must:
 - Maintain separate housing for poultry apart from domestic waterfowl with a minimum separation of 30 feet between the groups and wear dedicated clothing and footwear when handling and caring for each separate group.
 - Maintain, house, and rear all poultry indoors, where indoor facilities are available on the premises, and allow no access to wild species of waterfowl. All poultry subject to this General Quarantine Order shall be confined to a premises in a pen, cage or some other means that prevents them from moving off the premises.
 - Manure, liquid or solid waste and litter from production houses of any type shall be held in place or dry stacked and may not be land applied, spread or buried.