



Avian Influenza Warning Discussion

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Today, Dr. Nathaniel (Nat) Tablante, DVM, Professor and Extension Poultry Health Specialist, gave a quick overview of what is happening, how to be vigilante for your flock, commercial or backyard, and where we can find resources.

Dr. Tablante's additional pdf slides can be seen here: [Avian Influenza: What You Need to Know, Not Fear](#)

Today's Talk on Video: <https://umd.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=544886df-b566-4476-a96c-ae47012f7b57>

Georgie Cartanza, Poultry Extension Agent with University of Delaware, provided these USDA websites:

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_health/2015/fs-hpai-what-to-expect-if-you-suspect.pdf

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_health/2015/poster-hpai-guide-to-understanding-the-process.pdf

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_health/2016/hpai-indemnity.pdfh

UME Biosecurity website: <https://extension.umd.edu/resource/protecting-your-flocks-health-0>

To report sick birds with backyard flocks in Delaware call 302-698-4507 or email poultry.health@delaware.gov

Mostafa Ghanem: Report any unusual bird deaths or sudden increases in sick birds to the MDA Animal Health Program at 410-841-5810 or 410-841-5971. Also contact the USDA at 866-536-7593.

Read up about HPAI and biosecurity measures on the MDA website.

Commercial chicken growers and backyard flock owners can email questions about the outbreak to MD.Birdflu@maryland.gov. In addition, the USDA's Defend the Flock website has information on ways to help mitigate the risk of avian influenza, including instructional videos, additional biosecurity measures, and photos that show the signs of illness in birds. Please visit the department's Avian Flu website for more information on avian influenza.

Tracy Wootten and Stacey Hofmann: To report sick birds and deaths with backyard flocks in Delaware call 302-698-4507 or email poultry.health@delaware.gov

Get a Biosecurity sign by contacting Georgie Cartanza in Delaware; Jon Moyle in Wicomico Co., Jenny Rhodes in Queen Anne's Co. area, and Maegan Perdue in Worcester Co. area, or call us at 410-742-1178, ask for Jon or Sheila and we will figure out how to get them to you.

Email list: soscar@umd.edu or go to the UME Poultry website and click on the mailing list button <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/agriculture-food-systems/program-areas/animal-science/poultry>

Stacey.Hofmann: You can also get those posters and social media graphics online at <https://de.gov/poultry>. Registration forms for backyard flocks are at <https://de.gov/poultry>.

Mostafa Ghanem: <https://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Documents/hpai-tactical-plan.pdf> Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) Tactical Response Action Plan

PREVENTING OUTBREAKS OF AVIAN INFLUENZA VIDEOS (Both Commercial and Backyard in Different Languages): <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/agriculture-food-systems/program-areas/animal-science/poultry/videos>

MORE INFORMATION COMING OUT MONDAY!