



Producers: You Can Prevent the Spread of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) is an extremely contagious respiratory disease of birds that can kill domestic poultry. You can protect your birds from HPAI – and other diseases – with biosecurity. Simply put, biosecurity refers to everything people do to keep diseases – and the viruses, bacteria, fungi, parasites, and other microorganisms that cause disease – away from animals, property, and people.

Need Funds to Improve Biosecurity on Your Farm? Apply for a USDA Farm Loan

USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers direct and guaranteed loans to farmers and ranchers to start, expand, or maintain a family farm. Poultry producers can use these loans to implement biosecurity measures in their operations.

Scan the QR code now to:

- Learn about USDA’s farm loan program
- Find your local USDA Service Center
- Use the Loan Assistance Tool (lat.fpac.usda.gov) to check your eligibility for FSA loans
- Discover FSA loan types
- Learn about FSA loan requirements



Protect Your Birds With a Few Simple Steps

The steps below are examples of good biosecurity measures you can take to reduce the spread of diseases, such as HPAI. You can apply for a FSA loan to help implement many of these measures.



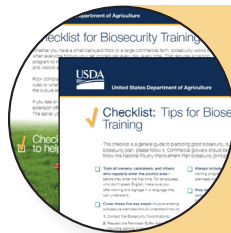
Use proper disinfection methods, especially when moving between new poultry facilities. Buy birds from reputable sources and follow isolation protocols.



Limit visitors by posting signage or installing a farm entrance gate. Ensure visitors practice good biosecurity, such as hand washing, and wearing boot covers.



Limit exposure to wild birds and pests by cleaning up feed spills immediately and developing a wild bird management plan. Call USDA at 1-866-487-3297 for help.



Create a site-specific biosecurity plan. Provide regular training and ensure biosecurity processes are followed.



Learn more about stopping avian influenza: aphis.usda.gov/animalhealth/defendtheflock

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