

PSA Release

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The Regional Watch Center is monitoring impacts of an Avian Influenza outbreak in the state of Nebraska.

The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has confirmed the presence of highly pathogenic H5N2 avian influenza (HPAI) in a flock of 1.7 million birds at a single facility near Wakefield, NE in Dixon County. All birds will be euthanized and buried on site. The facility is currently being quarantined by local law enforcement to include controlled access with traffic control points. It is expected that the Governor of Nebraska will issue an Emergency Declaration.

CDC considers the risk to people from these HPAI H5 infections in wild birds, backyard flocks and commercial poultry, to be low. No human infections with the virus have been detected at this time.

As a general precaution, people should avoid wild birds and observe them only from a distance; avoid contact with domestic birds (poultry) that appear ill or have died; and avoid contact with surfaces that appear to be contaminated with feces from wild or domestic birds.



Please see the following link for more information from the USDA regarding the H5N2 presence in Nebraska.

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal/aphis/newsroom/stakeholder-info!/ut/p/a1/jZBBDoIwEEXP4gWYb0GpS9CElqioQcVuDBisJEANGrm-yF50dpO8l7wZUpSQqtNXodNnYeq0_OxqenYkZ8wGkzx2OTzMZ2EkD4A96YBTB4S RYGO_AyImOOTaZ3G0gY1g-p8_DzzhuEsADmeQC18s3NkKkH_6-DIefvIHUj0ydEEPDCX2wEBDSEqXJuv-efRJ3e4iLrefcq_ObK5JNfk1b_LGupnHk5K2bS1tjC5z62Iqulf7fYJiU-1OozfIXxG8/?1dmy&urile=wcm%3apath%3a%2FAPHIS_Content_Library%2FSA_Newsroom%2FSA_Stakeholder_Announcements%2FSA_By_Date%2FSA_2015%2FSA_05%2FCT_hpai_nebraska

NCDHD is continuing to monitor this situation. We are working with the State and other Health Departments to get any new information out. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please call our office, toll free at 877-336-2406.