



**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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To: Georgia Poultry Producers
Subject: HPAI in the United States
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Effective immediately all poultry exhibitions, shows, swaps, meets, and sales (flea markets, auction markets) in the State of Georgia are suspended until further notice.

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) has been identified in commercial poultry flocks and a backyard flock in the State of Georgia alongside an increasing number of cases nationwide. Please see [Commercial, Backyard, & Wildlife cases in the United States \(USDA APHIS\)](#) for more information about HPAI detections in the United States.

Poultry exhibitions, shows, swaps, meets, and sales (flea markets, auction markets) in the State of Georgia are suspended until further notice. Notifications will be announced when listed activities can resume in Georgia.

Good biosecurity practices are the best defense against AI infection and poultry producers must take the following measures to protect their flocks:

- Move poultry with outside access indoors.
- Continue strict biosecurity practices, including a clear line of separation on the farm.
- Monitor flocks for clinical signs of HPAI.
 - Birds may become quiet, not eat or drink, and have discolored combs and feet, or die suddenly with no signs of disease.
- Report unexplained mortality in your birds immediately.

Avian Influenza (AI) is a reportable disease in Georgia. If you have concerns about AI in birds, call the Georgia Avian Influenza hotline at 770-766-6850 or visit <https://www.gapoultrylab.org/avian-influenza-hotline/>.

Report dead wild birds when seen in unusually high numbers in a single location to DNR. Call 1-800-366-2661 or report online at <https://georgiawildlife.com/report-dead-birds>.

Biosecurity and other resources:

[GDA Avian Influenza Resource Page](#)

[Protect Your Flock \(GDA\)](#)

[Defend the Flock - Resource Center \(USDA APHIS\)](#)