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WEEKLY BRIEFING ON AVIAN INFLUENZA
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The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) is issuing weekly updates on its response to HPAI. These updates will be issued every Tuesday. If there are any significant developments a press release will be issued.

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There is 1 new positive case of HPAI to report. This case is the existing Dixon 4 location which was reported last week as voluntarily depopulating birds due to epidemiological connections with the other Dixon operations.

Current number of farms impacted (confirmed to have HPAI): 5

Number of counties impacted: 2 (6 farms in Dixon Co., 1 farm in Knox Co.)

Location	Depopulation	Disposal	Cleaning and Disinfection	Flock Size	Flock Type
Dixon 1*	Completed	Composting is completed and monitoring has begun	Beginning stages	1.7 million	Laying Hens
Dixon 2*	In progress	Composting is in progress	N/A at this time	1.8 million	Laying Hens
Dixon 3*	Completed	Composting is completed and monitoring has begun	Beginning stages	500,000	Pullets (young hens)
Dixon 4*	In progress	Composting is in progress	N/A at this time	200,000	Pullets (young hens)
Dixon 5* (Voluntary)	In progress	Composting is in progress	N/A at this time	700,000	Pullets (young hens)
Dixon 6	Completed	Burial is completed	Beginning stages	Less than 100	Mixed Fowl
Knox 1*	Birds remain under quarantine as a suspect flock at this time.	N/A at this time	N/A at this time	3 million	Laying Hens

*=owned by the same producer

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- NDA is coordinating the state response, with staff in the area daily enforcing the quarantines of affected farms; overseeing the depopulation, composting and cleaning / disinfection efforts; monitoring quarantined poultry farms within a 6.2 mile radius of the affected farms and coordinating testing efforts on those farms; and issuing permits for movement of materials such as supplies and egg and egg products outside of the 6.2 mile perimeter.
- Dixon 4 was in progress of being voluntarily depopulated over the past week, when ongoing testing showed the remaining birds in that facility as positive for the disease. Depopulation is ongoing.
- Testing continues to indicate that the virus is NOT present in Dixon 5; however as noted in last week's briefing - due to epidemiological connections with the other Dixon operations, the producer has chosen to voluntarily depopulate these birds in an effort to contain the spread of the virus within their operations.
- Crews at Dixon 1 and 3 continue to work to clean and disinfect each building and the equipment found in those buildings. To learn more about that process, please read the cleaning and disinfection **fact sheet** on our website.
- Knox 1 remains under quarantine at this time based on a presumptive positive test nearly three weeks ago. Subsequent testing has not confirmed the presumptive positive. This facility remains a suspect flock and will remain under quarantine and continue to undergo regular testing. In consultation with USDA, it has been determined that the site will require 21 days of negative testing before the quarantine can be released. NDA will announce final test results later this week as they become available. Biosecurity protocols will continue to be exercised out of an abundance of caution until further notice.
- As part of NDA's surveillance work within the 6.2 mile radius of the affected farms there are currently 16 farms quarantined in Dakota County, 18 farms quarantined in Dixon County, 27 farms quarantined in Knox County and 7 farms quarantined in Wayne County. NDA continues to test the quarantined flocks within a 6.2 mile radius of Dixon 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. Testing is on hold at the quarantined farms in Knox County due to the lack of USDA confirmation testing at the Knox 1 facility at this time. These farms will remain under quarantine until further notice.

Nebraska Emergency Management Agency

Nebraska Emergency Management Agency is providing technical assistance to incident command and working with local emergency managers on the credentialing process for personnel active at the affected sites.

Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ)

Staff from NDEQ have been making visits to affected locations to provide guidance on the proper procedures for onsite disposal of dead birds and management of other materials. NDEQ is working in collaboration with NDA and producers to review flock mortality disposal plans that were created as part of the two agencies' livestock disease emergency planning. NDEQ is in the process of contacting 15 facilities that were not included in the original poultry mortality management plans. NDEQ staff have written letters describing mortality management options to these facilities in the event that their operations would be impacted by avian influenza.

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services is working with the Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department to interview workers about their possible exposure and monitor them if appropriate. For more information on public health and avian influenza, go to dhhs.ne.gov/avianflu.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON AVIAN INFLUENZA CAN BE FOUND AT:
WWW.NDA.NEBRASKA.GOV**