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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 are no new cases of HPAI to report.

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

Number of counties impacted: 1 (6 farms in Dixon 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)	Completed	Composting is completed and monitoring has begun	Beginning stages	700,000	Pullets (young hens)
Dixon 6	Completed	Burial is completed	Beginning stages	Less than 100	Mixed Fowl

*=owned by the same producer

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Nebraska Department of Agriculture

- 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.
- Crews at Dixon 1, 3 and 5 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.
- 3 weeks of testing for HPAI at the Knox 1 location did not confirm an earlier presumptive positive test for the disease. The quarantine at Knox 1 was released on June 18th. The quarantine release of the farm also means NDA released from quarantine the 27 additional Knox County locations that were quarantined because they were within 6.2 miles of the presumptive positive flock. Testing and monitoring of this flock will continue as an additional precautionary measure.
- 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, 20 farms quarantined in Dixon County, 11 farms quarantined in Wayne County and 1 farm quarantined in Thurston County. NDA continues to test these quarantined flocks.

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:

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