

September 20, 2022

Alberta Poultry Industry Working to Mitigate Risk of Avian Influenza

[Edmonton, AB] – The Alberta Poultry Industry Emergency Management Team (APIEMT) is aware of 41 confirmed cases of Avian Influenza (AI); 28 on commercial poultry farms and 13 on non-commercial farms, in the following Alberta counties:

- April 6, 2022 – Mountain View County, Alberta (poultry flock)
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- April 6, 2022 – Ponoka County (poultry flock)
- April 8, 2022 – Kneehill County, Alberta (poultry flock)
- April 9, 2022 – Paintearth County, Alberta (poultry flock)
- April 10, 2022 – Wetaskiwin County, Alberta (poultry flock)
- April 11, 2022 – Camrose County, Alberta (poultry flock)
- April 12, 2022 – Mountain View County, Alberta (non-commercial poultry flock)
- April 14, 2022 – Kneehill County, Alberta (poultry flock)
- April 14, 2022 – Warner County, Alberta (poultry flock)
- April 14, 2022 – Mountain View County, Alberta (non-commercial poultry flock)
- April 15, 2022 – Cardston County, Alberta (poultry flock)
- April 20, 2022 – Kneehill County, Alberta (poultry flock)
- April 21, 2022 – Wetaskiwin County, Alberta (poultry flock)
- April 21, 2022 – Sturgeon County, Alberta (non-commercial poultry flock)
- April 23, 2022 – Rocky View County, Alberta (non-commercial poultry flock)
- April 24, 2022 – Camrose County, Alberta (poultry flock)
- April 25, 2022 – Camrose County, Alberta (poultry flock)
- April 27, 2022 – Vermillion River County, Alberta (non-commercial poultry flock)
- April 29, 2022 – Camrose County, Alberta (non-commercial poultry flock)
- May 1, 2022 – Two Hills County, Alberta (non-commercial poultry flock)
- May 1, 2022 – Wainwright County, Alberta (poultry flock)
- May 1, 2022 – Lethbridge County, Alberta (poultry flock)
- May 5, 2022 – Newell County, Alberta (poultry flock)
- May 11, 2022 – Two Hills County, Alberta (non-commercial poultry flock)
- May 11, 2022 – Two Hills County, Alberta (poultry flock)
- May 11, 2022 – Foothills County, Alberta (non-commercial poultry flock)
- May 13, 2022 – Provost County, Alberta (non-commercial poultry flock)
- May 21, 2022 – Cypress County, Alberta (non-commercial poultry flock)
- June 2, 2022 – Wainwright County, Alberta (non-commercial poultry flock)
- June 2, 2022 – Clear Hills County, Alberta (non-commercial poultry flock)
- July 28, 2022 – Stettler County, Alberta (poultry flock)
- August 23, 2022 – Athabasca County, Alberta (poultry flock)
- August 31, 2022 - Sturgeon County, Alberta (poultry flock)
- September 4, 2022 – Strathcona County, Alberta (poultry flock)

- September 12, 2022 – M.D. of Willow Creek No. 26, Alberta (poultry flock)
- September 12, 2022 – Starland County, Alberta (non-commercial poultry flock)
- September 15, 2022 – Wetaskiwin County, Alberta (poultry flock)
- September 16, 2022 – Wainwright County, Alberta (poultry flock)
- September 17, 2022 – Warner County No. 5, Alberta (poultry flock)
- September 18, 2022 – Smoky Lake County, Alberta (poultry flock)
- September 20, 2022 – M. D. of Taber, Alberta (poultry flock)
- September 20, 2022 – Athabasca County, Alberta (poultry flock)

Each Infected Premise (IP) has been placed under quarantine. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has established a Primary Control Zone (PCZ) around the infected premises, to restrict movement in the area. There are currently 9 active Primary Control Zones (PCZ) in AB. For a list of PCZs and additional detail about each of them, please visit: <https://inspection.canada.ca/animal-health/terrestrial-animals/diseases/reportable/avian-influenza/hpai-in-canada/status-of-ongoing-avian-influenza-response/aiones/eng/1648851134912/1648851359195#pcz82>

The APIEMT is working closely with the CFIA and Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development, to expedite the investigation of suspected cases and mitigate the potential risk of further spread of AI in Alberta. At this time the cause of the confirmed cases of AI is unknown, but is believed to be linked to migratory birds, as has been the case recently elsewhere in both Canada and the United States.

Alberta poultry farmers and industry partners are implementing enhanced biosecurity measures to protect their flocks and safeguard the supply of fresh, local eggs and poultry products. The APIEMT will share additional details as they become available.

For ongoing updates from the CFIA, please visit: <https://inspection.canada.ca/animal-health/terrestrial-animals/diseases/reportable/avian-influenza/detection-of-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza-h5n/eng/1640207916497/1640207916934>

About the Alberta Poultry Industry

The Alberta Poultry Industry is comprised of the Alberta Chicken Producers, Alberta Hatching Egg Producers, Alberta Turkey Producers, and the Egg Farmers of Alberta. An important mandate of the industry is to assist its members in preparing for and mitigating the impact of possible incidents, and to take a leadership role in rapidly responding to such incidents should they occur.

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