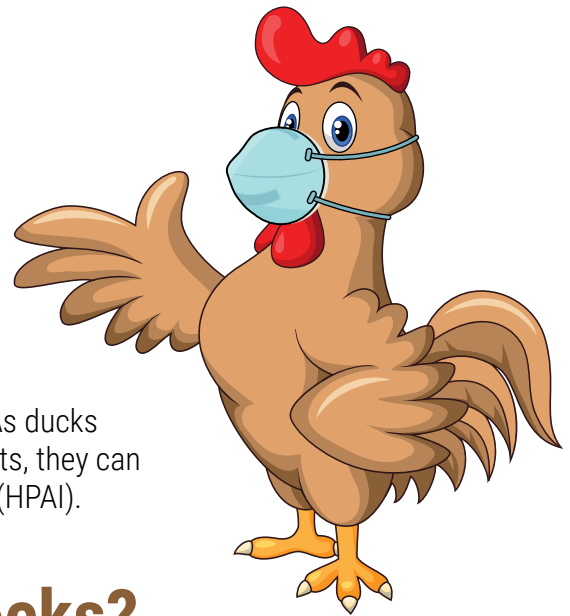


Keeping our Birds Safe

From Avian Influenza (HPAI)

In Michigan, late winter can be worrisome for poultry farmers. As ducks and other migratory waterfowl migrate north from winter habitats, they can carry diseases, most notably highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI).



How can we protect our flocks?



Biosecurity and Prevention Measures

- Keep all domestic poultry inside their coop.
- Avoid contact with wild birds, especially migratory waterfowl (ducks, geese, etc.).
- Avoid contact with any other poultry farms, regardless of size.
- Stop or limit the movement of birds to and from your farm.
- Have a dedicated set of boots and clothing to use when taking care of your birds. These should not leave your farm or coop area.
- Place a footbath or boot wash (scrub brush and disinfectant) at the entrance of your coop.



Know the Symptoms

- Lack of appetite
- Significant drop in egg production
- Nasal discharge, sneezing, coughing
- Swollen, purple combs, wattles, legs
- Swollen head, legs
- Bloody diarrhea
- Increased Flock Mortalities
- Neck Torsion



If you suspect Avian Influenza:

- Call MDARD immediately
Daytime: (800) 292-3939
After hours: (517) 373-0440
- Restrict visitors
- Clean and disinfect equipment, clothing and footwear.



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