

BIOSECURITY FOR POULTRY EVENTS

After returning home from poultry events like fairs, expositions, swap meets, exotic sales, live bird auctions, etc., follow strict biosecurity protocol to prevent exposing your flock to highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI).

At the Event

- When buying birds, confirm with sellers that they have been implementing biosecurity protocol and that the flock has been healthy.
- Did you bring your own birds to the event? Keep them separated from the rest of your flock and monitor them for at least 3 weeks after the event.
- Isolate new birds from your other birds for at least 30 days.
- To prevent disease, it is best not to mix young and old birds or birds from different species or different sources.

Don't Carry Disease Home

- Keep it clean. Wear clean clothes, scrub boots/shoes with disinfectant and wash hands thoroughly before and after contact with your flock. Remove manure, feathers, and caked-on dirt, and wash hands with soap and water.
- Clean and disinfect any tools or equipment you used at the show (including egg flats and cases that came into contact with birds or their droppings) before they come in contact with your birds or equipment at home.
- Don't share equipment, tools, or other supplies with other livestock or poultry owners. If you must do so, clean and disinfect the items before bringing them home.
- If you, your employees or family have been on other farms, or other places where there is livestock and/or poultry, clean and disinfect your vehicle tires and equipment before returning home.
- Restrict access to your property and poultry, and keep visitors to a minimum. Keep track of everyone on your property, and make sure anyone who has contact with your flock follows biosecurity principles.

Stay Informed

- Stay informed about the health of birds in your area.
- Know the warning signs of HPAI and closely monitor your birds for any symptoms.
- **Report sick birds immediately to: NDA at 402-471-2351; the USDA at 866-536-7593; or your veterinarian. Early detection is important to prevent the spread of disease.**



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