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NDA REMINDS POULTRY PRODUCERS TO REMAIN VIGILANT ABOUT HPAI Encourages participation in HPAI informational webinar

LINCOLN – The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) is reminding poultry owners to continue to monitor for and protect their birds against Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI).

"It's important for all poultry producers to know the signs and symptoms of the disease and to continue to practice good biosecurity measures to help prevent the spread of the disease into their flocks," said State Veterinarian Dr. Roger Dudley. "While our HPAI detections have slowed since last year, we are still experiencing the disease in the state, and we want producers to continue to be vigilant in protecting their flocks."

Owners of small flocks of poultry are being encouraged to participate in a free webinar hosted by University of Nebraska-Lincoln and NDA on Thursday, May 4, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Participants will be able to learn more about the signs and symptoms of the disease, and biosecurity measures they can take to help protect their flocks. Those interested in participating can join via zoom at https://unl.zoom.us/j/94511640727.

Since January, Nebraska has had three confirmed cases of HPAI in backyard flocks in Nebraska (Scotts Bluff, Lincoln and Sheridan counties).

Resources are available at https://nda.nebraska.gov/animal/avian/index.html. Poultry experiencing signs of HPAI or unusual death should be reported to NDA at 402-471-2351 or the USDA at 866-536-7593.

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