



Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade  
and Consumer Protection  
Division of Animal Health



## AVIAN INFLUENZA INFORMATION SHEET

### Protecting your farm from avian influenza

#### **FAST FACTS:**

- Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) is a highly infectious disease of chickens and turkeys, and it frequently results in sudden death.
- Although avian influenza is highly contagious among domestic poultry, human infections are rare. However, people should take precautions and follow biosecurity measures.
- Practicing good biosecurity means:
  - Sanitizing equipment and clothing used around flocks;
  - Protecting flocks from contact with wild birds; and
  - Restricting access to your property and keeping your birds away from other birds.
- It is safe to eat properly handled and cooked poultry products, including meat and eggs.

**For more information about all aspects of avian influenza, visit [datcp.wi.gov](http://datcp.wi.gov).**

**If you find a sick or dead bird, don't touch it, report it.**

**Domestic birds:** Wisconsin DATCP—Division of Animal Health  
**(608) 224-4872**

**Wild birds:** Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
**1-800-433-1610**

