



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



AVIAN INFLUENZA INFORMATION SHEET

Avian Influenza and Food Safety

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 a highly contagious disease to domestic poultry, there are no apparent risks with this particular strain to human health from domestic poultry or domestic poultry products at this time.
- It is safe to eat properly handled and cooked poultry products, including meat and eggs. Cook chicken or turkey to 165°F to destroy the virus and cook eggs until both the white and the yolk are solid.
- Use a separate cutting board for poultry, and clean and disinfect the cutting board after use.
- Wash hands thoroughly after handling raw poultry, and before handling any other food.
- Shell eggs produced commercially are surface-sanitized.

For more information about all aspects of avian influenza, visit 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

