

FBCC Update - Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Ontario: Wave 2

September 27, 2022

To: Ontario Supply Managed Poultry Farmers & Ontario Poultry Industry Value Chain

On September 19, 2022, the Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC) notified you that Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) had been found on an Ontario poultry farm. This was the first instance of HPAI in Ontario since May 18, 2022.

In the past week, there have been a few more cases of HPAI found in Ontario. These cases were not found on commercial poultry farms or small flock farms, rather the disease was found in birds on “non-poultry” operations (i.e., birds kept in a single household for use within the same household or kept in captivity for reasons other than the production of animal products).

During the first wave of HPAI (commencing March 25, 2022), the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) announced “Infected Premise (IP)” status for instances of HPAI outbreaks. The CFIA also established “Primary Control Zones (PCZ)” in areas where the disease was identified. Where a PCZ is in place, certain movements are controlled using permits.

WAVE 2: WHAT'S CHANGING? AND HOW DOES IT IMPACT SUPPLY MANAGED FARMERS AND INDUSTRY?

CFIA has advised FBCC that, in most cases, “non-poultry” operations do not require an establishment of a PCZ. This should allow for increased business continuity and efficient response efforts.

IMPORTANT: FBCC will no longer be providing “Heightened Biosecurity Advisories” or “buffered road maps” for areas that have not been designated as a PCZ by CFIA.

Farmers and industry looking for more information about occurrences of HPAI found in “non-poultry” are encouraged to visit the [CFIA website](#). Even though no PCZ will be established, “non-poultry” Infected Premises will still be listed and identified by municipality.

WHO WILL RECEIVE FBCC ADVISORIES IN THE EVENT OF FURTHER INFECTION ON ONTARIO POULTRY FARMS?

- Commercial supply managed farmers who reside within a 10km FBCC buffered biosecurity area, where CFIA has (or will) established a PCZ
- Industry personnel will be notified if there is a new PCZ established by CFIA
- Small flock growers who have provided email addresses, who reside within the 10km FBCC buffered biosecurity area where CFIA has established a PCZ

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IMPORTANT: All PCZs will be mapped on the [CFIA](#) & [FBCC](#) website(s) for all stakeholders to access.

CURRENT RISK:

Given what we know about the high prevalence of HPAI in our current environment and taking into consideration migratory patterns and country-wide trends, we expect there to be continued occurrences of HPAI found in wild birds, “non-poultry” operations and non-commercial flocks.

If farmers and industry do not continue to adhere to strict biosecurity measures, there is also high risk that your farm / operation may become infected. Please remain vigilant!

ONTARIO TAKING ADDITIONAL ACTION TO PROTECT FLOCKS

The Ontario government announced September 23, 2022, a Minister’s Order that limits the commingling of birds from different locations to reduce the risk of disease transmission. The full notice can be found [HERE](#).

BIRDS SHOWING SIGNS OF ILLNESS?

If your birds show any signs of illness, call your veterinarian immediately. Also contact CFIA’s local District Office during business hours, or by calling 1-877-814-2342 after hours. In addition, it is recommended that you contact the 24-hour Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC) support line, 1-877-SOS-BYRD.

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

HPAI ZOOM Update Series at 12pm Noon (Monday, Wednesday, Friday):

FBCC invites you to participate in the HPAI Update Series, designed for farmers who are in the zone(s) and industry personnel that conduct business within/through the zone(s) to receive the latest information from CFIA and FBCC. Anyone is welcome to attend.

HPAI Update Series Zoom Login Details*:

W: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2665883981>

P: 1-855-703-8985 | **Meeting ID:** 266 588 3981

**The Zoom login details will not change day by day. These login details will get you onto the meetings being held Monday, Wednesday, Friday as of October 3, 2022 starting at 12:00 noon, and until further notice.*

