ILT BIOSECURITY ADVISORY UPDATE

Elgin County

May 5, 2019

The Biosecurity Advisory of April 29 for eastern Elgin County is being <u>updated</u> to reflect a smaller geographic area of concern. As the infected premise was not registered with any of the feather boards, OMAFRA previously could not share precise location information with the FBCC. Since then, the small flock owner has self identified by reaching out for assistance.

The owners of the flock are working with their veterinarian and cooperating with Chicken Farmers of Ontario (CFO) staff under the direction of the Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC). The grower has been advised of and is being supported in achieving strict biocontainment measures.

Most of the 200 bird flock have died from the disease. Surviving birds are quarantined and scheduled for home slaughter. New placements have been isolated and are scheduled for vaccination.

Manure will undergo prescribed heat treatment and the premises will be cleaned and disinfected. Litter and all mortalities are now being disposed of according to established protocols. Owner reports no direct contact with commercial broiler flocks. No service providers have been on premises.

However, due to identified breaches in biosecurity protocols at the onset of the outbreak, commercial poultry farmers and small flock growers in the defined area are urged to closely monitor flock health and strictly adhere to all enhanced biosecurity measures. Should you suspect any signs of health concerns in your flock, please contact your veterinarian as well as your Board.

This Biosecurity Advisory Area will be maintained until clean up of the premises is completed and the risk of disease spread is under control. A stand down advisory will be considered at that time. A revised map, resource materials and any updates are accessible through www.fbcc.ca
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