

INFECTIOUS LARYNGOTRACHEITIS (ILT) PRODUCER BIOSECURITY ADVISORY

Oxford County

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The Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC) is issuing an ILT Biosecurity Advisory for an [area east of Drumbo in southern Oxford County](#).

FBCC has been informed by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) that a 32-bird mixed chicken and turkey flock, with respiratory signs, tested positive for Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT). Three birds had just been newly introduced into the flock.

Given the risk of a possible Avian Influenza (AI) incursion, the attending veterinarian ordered an AI test as a rule-out and contacted the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). Fortunately, the AI test was negative. This type of vigilance is appropriate as High Path AI is now present in all 4 migratory bird flyways in North America. During the last month, close to 3 million poultry have died or been culled in 12 different US states due to highly pathogenic AI. [OMAFRA has just released material for small flock growers](#). In addition, [CFIA has also released a biosecurity poster for small flocks](#).

ILT is a serious contagious disease caused by a respiratory virus primarily in chickens. Signs to watch out for include increased mortality, noisy breathing, head-shaking, off feed, decreased egg production, inactivity, ruffled feathers and conjunctivitis. **Should you suspect any signs of health concerns in your flock, please contact your veterinarian as well as your Board.** For after hours, call 1-877-SOS-BYRD.

Please reinforce your biosecurity protocols including monitoring the movement of birds, people and equipment on to and off of your premises in the interest of flock health. Please advise any visitors to your premises of your biosecurity protocols because of this situation and keep a logbook of movement in relation to your premises. Minimize visits to other poultry production sites, avoid exchanging equipment with other poultry production sites or ensure that it is washed and disinfected. Ensure all personnel in contact with birds wear clean boots, protective suits, head coverings and gloves/handwashing. Ensure adequate control of vermin and wild birds.

A valuable fact sheet is OMAFRA's [Update on ILT in Ontario- Understanding the Risks of Infection in Poultry](#).

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