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HPAI Biosecurity Checklist

If we hope to control the spread and eventually eradicate this HPAI virus, all segments of the industry will need to follow comprehensive and stringent biosecurity practices on an ongoing basis. The steps listed below are a sound start.

Premises

- A comprehensive biosecurity plan has been implemented and shared with all employees.
- Signs warning people not to enter the farm or any of its buildings because of disease control (No Admittance—Biosecurity Zone) are posted at all entrances.
- External entrances to poultry houses are kept locked during nonbusiness hours.
- Houses are bird-proofed against wild or free-flying birds.
- Procedures are in place to prevent the accidental entrance of wildlife and to remove them from poultry houses and other areas should they gain entrance.
- Backyard poultry are prohibited from the premises.
- Dogs and cats are not allowed in chicken houses and egg processing areas.
- Feed bins are secured to prevent contamination by wild birds or rodents, and spilled feed is cleaned up promptly to prevent attracting wild birds and rodents.
- Water is drawn from secure sources that can not be accessed by free-flying birds or rodents.

Equipment

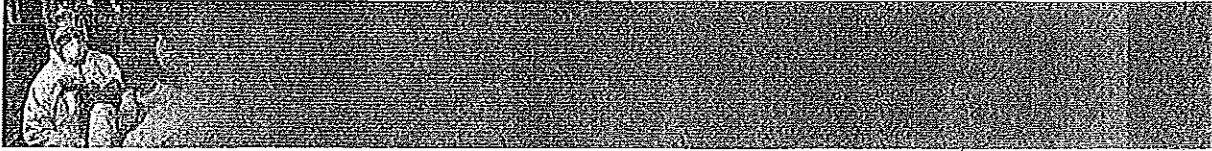
- Footwear disinfection stations, site-provided footwear, or site-provided foot covers are available outside all external entrances. If footbaths are used, they must be changed at least daily or

more often if the footbath collects dirt, egg contents, or manure.

- Hand washing or hand-sanitizing stations are available at entrances.
- Equipment and tools brought to the farm are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected prior to use.
- Chicken transport equipment (carts, loaders, ramps) is cleaned and disinfected prior to use.
- For egg-laying facilities, only clean, sanitized, and disinfected plastic egg flats or new disposable egg flats are allowed on the premises.
- Cleaned and disinfected equipment is held under conditions that prevent exposure to wild birds.

Personnel

- Everyone is required to clean and disinfect their footwear or wear site-provided footwear or footwear covers prior to entering chicken houses, processing areas, and office areas.
- Everyone is required to wash/sanitize their hands before entering and after leaving poultry houses and processing areas.
- Employees receive biosecurity training when hired, and annually after that. Records of biosecurity training should be kept up to date.
- Farm policy requires that employees do not own other birds—including pet birds, domestic chickens, fighting chickens, ducks, geese, waterfowl, exotic birds, quail, partridge, or pheasants.



- Employees sign a document when hired and during annual biosecurity training sessions stating that they will avoid contact with other birds not owned by the business. Employees should not be shared between operations.
- In the event that contact is made with other birds, employees agree that they will comply with a 2-day waiting period prior to any entry into any portion of the farm to include the barns, processing plant, and office.
- Farm policy prohibits exposure to equipment from other farms that has not been washed and disinfected.
- Farm policy requires personnel who have visited a rendering plant to shower and change clothes before entering the farm or any of its buildings.
- Spent hen removal crews are prohibited from entering other chicken houses or egg processing areas.

Visitors

- Visitors do not enter chicken houses unless absolutely necessary.
- Visitors Logbook records the (a) visitor's name, (b) company, (c) time of entry, (d) statement confirming no contact with premises containing birds or rendering activities during the preceding 2 days, (e) time of leaving, and (f) a contact telephone number.
- Visitors and contractors who have had contact with birds during the preceding 2 days are prohibited from entering chicken houses or egg processing areas.
- Clean coveralls (or disposable suits), disinfected boots (or shoe covers), and hairnets are available and required for visitors and contractors to wear before entering barns, egg processing areas, or other work areas.

Vehicles

- All vehicles that have traveled to a location where other birds are present—even the feed store—are cleaned and disinfected before entering the premises.
- If drivers are required to make multiple stops at more than one individual farm in any given day, they are prohibited from entering chicken houses or egg processing areas.
- Farm policy requires cleaning and disinfection of vehicles and containers from a rendering plant before they enter an egg layer premises.
- Manure trucks never go from one poultry farm to another on the same day. However, if required, the manure trucks must be washed with detergent and disinfected prior to arrival at the next farm.