

BACKYARD BIOSECURITY FOR POULTRY



Biosecurity is vital for anyone who owns or works with poultry – whether on a commercial farm, in the wild, or at a hobby/ backyard farm. You should take proper steps to keep HPAI and other animal diseases from infecting your flock or spreading to other flocks. HPAI can affect chickens, turkeys, geese, and other gallinaceous birds. Having a biosecurity plan in place, and following that plan daily, is vital to protect Pennsylvania's poultry.



1. Keep your distance.

Restrict access to your property and your birds.

2. Keep it clean.

Bacteria and viruses can be spread on shoes and clothing. Prevent the spread of disease by cleaning and disinfecting footwear after working around poultry.

3. Know the signs.

Look for things like increased bird deaths in your flock, sneezing, gasping for air, coughing, nasal discharge, lack of energy, and poor appetite.

4. Report sick birds.

If you have sick or dying birds, contact the
24/7 PA Department of Agriculture line at:
717 - 772 - 2852

Report sick or dead wild birds to
the PA Game Commission at:
1 - 833 - 742 - 9453



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