

DATE: January 20, 2023

SUBJECT: Confirmed Cases of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Post Rock District region

If you are a poultry owner, please review the message below as Kansas Department of Agriculture announced that HPAI has been confirmed in a flock near the border of Mitchell and Lincoln counties:

The Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) has been overseeing the state's response to confirmed cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in Kansas. Part of KDA's response effort as they work to stop the spread of HPAI is to get a clear understanding of how many susceptible birds are near any infected location, and make sure poultry owners are familiar with the symptoms of HPAI and what steps they should be taking to protect their flock.

HPAI in Kansas: This week, KDA announced that HPAI has been confirmed in a flock near the border of Mitchell and Lincoln counties. It's critical for them to know how many birds are at risk of exposure, so they need to speak with anyone who owns poultry who lives within a 6-10 mile distance of the infected location.

Contact KDA now! Your household is within that range, so we are asking that you please call the KDA phone bank at 833-765-2006 or email them at KDA.HPAI@ks.gov to work with state and local officials to prevent further spread of the disease. You can also self-report your birds at <https://fs22.formsite.com/KansasDeptAg/zlb9fcr9oc/index.html>.

Reporting area: Please call if your home/farm sits in this area: from Highway 18 (to the south) to Highway 24 (to the north) between Highway 14 (to the east) and Highway 181 (to the west). The area does include the towns of Tipton, Hunter and Denmark. It does NOT include Beloit, Glen Elder, Cawker City, Downs or Lincoln.

Questions? If you have questions about highly pathogenic avian influenza, go to www.agriculture.ks.gov/AvianInfluenza or call KDA at the toll-free number: 833-765-2006.

