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Avian Influenza & Outbreak Update ***Most recent news . . .***

Alabama officials have confirmed that the sample taken on March 12 in Scottsboro, Alabama did test positive for a low pathogenic avian influenza strain. That location has been placed on quarantine.

Testing from the other two locations in Lauderdale and Madison Counties is still pending. For more information, go to:

<http://www.agi.alabama.gov/s/press-release's/update-on-premises-under-investigation-for-avian-influenza-in-alabama>

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/newsroom/news/sa_by_date/sa-2017/hpai-tn-update

AS MORE LOCATIONS MAY COME UNDER INSPECTION, WE WILL POST UPDATES IF TEST RESULTS ARE POSITIVE AND ARE CONFIRMED.

WE ASK MEMBERS NOT TO START PLACING CALLS TO STATE VETERINARIANS, RATHER PLEASE CONTACT THE AU OFFICE WITH QUESTIONS. IF WE DON'T HAVE THE INFORMATION YOU REQUIRE, WE WILL GET THE ANSWERS YOU NEED.

AU Bio-Security Recommendations

Basic bio-security measures should always be used. It is more important than ever to make sure you are cleaning your loft regularly, washing hands going in and out of the loft, monitoring or perhaps restricting others from going in and out of your loft and placing new birds in a quarantine section before integrating them with your other birds.

AU Bio-Security Recommendations are found at:

<http://www.pigeon.org/loftcertificationpolicy.htm>

Other Ways You Can Help

The AU also developed the Loft Certification Program many years ago. We have encouraged members to participate in this self-regulating program to illustrate optimum care is provided the birds. It is achieved through a point system and is based on practicing basic bio-security. The [AU Loft Certification Program](#) doesn't cost anything. For more information, please feel free to call the national office (800-755-2778).

For updates from the State Veterinarians, go to:

<http://www.usaha.org/Portals/6/StateAnimalHealthOfficials.pdf>