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

Indiana – Per the Indiana State Board of Animal Health, non-poultry species, including parrots, parakeets, canaries, doves and pigeons, may resume normal movements, including participation in exhibitions, sales and other commingled events.

As always, we caution to utilize the below recommendations.

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.

Several years ago, former board members, Tommy Erskine and Dr. Gary Braden, developed bio-security measures for AU members to follow. Subsequently, this document was reviewed by the USDA. The USDA indicated the bio-security measures presented were a great model for AU members to follow.

AU Bio-Security Recommendations are found at <http://pigeon.org/biosecurity.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).