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

On February 2, a confirmed case of H5N1 highly pathogenic avian influenza was reported in a commercial turkey flock in Dubois County Indiana. As a result, 29,000 turkeys were depopulated to prevent spread.

Since then, a 10-kilometer control area has been established around that facility (mainly in Dubois County and a portion of northern Spencer County).

All surveillance testing as of February 11 (reported from farms within the control area) has been negative. Authorities are monitoring and testing within in the control area on a regular basis.

Subsequent to the detected case in Indiana, other poultry operations in Kentucky and Virginia reported having confirmed cases of birds infected with a highly lethal form of avian influenza. These facilities have also been placed with in a quarantine zone.

As always, we encourage members to practice biosecurity measures and manage a clean and healthy loft. We will continue to post updates as well (<http://www.pigeon.org/Avian-Influenza-Updates.htm>).

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>