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

The most current update regarding the Avian Influenza outbreak posted by the USDA is found at:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/avian/avian-influenza/hpai-2022/2022-hpai-wild-birds>

State Veterinarians are still working with federal USDA officials as they surveil areas where positive cases have been detected.

Members are encouraged to monitor their State Veterinarian and Department of Agriculture websites. This is where you will find any restrictions state officials may be imposing at this time in your state. ***Each State Veterinarian may implement the restrictions they feel are necessary to protect their poultry industry. Those restrictions vary from state to state.***

A list of the State Veterinarians is found at

[https://www.usaha.org/upload/Federal%20and%20State%20Health/STATE ANIMAL HEALTH OFFICIALS 3M.pdf](https://www.usaha.org/upload/Federal%20and%20State%20Health/STATE_ANIMAL_HEALTH_OFFICIALS_3M.pdf)

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).