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

The Indiana State Board of Animal Health has just issued a statement noting that on August 30, a non-commercial poultry flock (in Elkhart County) tested presumptive-positive for the H5 Avian Influenza virus. Samples will be tested at the national USDA laboratory for confirmation. A surveillance zone has been established.

As an update is received, we will pass that information to members.

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).