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

Avian Influenza (HPAI) has now been detected in both commercial and backyard flocks of poultry in 39 states across the U.S.

The USDA recently reported HPAI in a non-commercial backyard poultry flock in Obion County, Tennessee. The update is found at:

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/newsroom/stakeholder-info/sa_by_date/sa-2022/hpai-tn

In this update (about half-way down), you will see the link to the overview of all states with cases of HPAI. On September 15, 2022, the USDA updated the HPAI confirmed detections at:

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

The USDA is recommending flocks be brought in when possible to protect them from wild birds. Alternatively, secure your lofts to prevent wild birds from gaining access to your birds.

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).