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Virulent Newcastle Disease (vND) Update

The California Department of Food & Agriculture has continued surveillance in the quarantine and surrounding areas. A new case of Virulent Newcastle Disease was detected in a retail feed store in western San Bernardino County on August 15.

This was the first new case detected since June 4. As a result, surveillance and monitoring will continue. We will continue to monitor the CDFA website for updates.

For additional information or to view a map of the quarantine area, go to:
https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal_health/newcastle_disease_info.html

The CDFA is still recommending that gatherings where birds (including but not limited to poultry) are brought together for shows, auctions, swap meets, pet marts, fair exhibits, pigeon races, and petting zoos be suspended.

We encourage members to adhere to the recommendations to avoid potentially spreading the virus or putting your birds in jeopardy.

Please do not attempt to ship birds from within quarantine areas.

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>