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Virulent Newcastle Disease Outbreak



As a result of continued spread of the virulent Newcastle Disease, the California Department of Food and Agriculture has amended restrictions on movement of poultry in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties. Most recent information regarding restrictions is posted at:

https://www.cdffa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/pdfs/V_N_D_LA_and_SB_AreaQuarantine2-A.pdf

https://www.cdffa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/Newcastle_Disease_Info.html

As we have in the past, the AU strongly recommends clubs, combines and concourses identify and use different race courses to ensure birds returning to their home lofts do not stop in areas where movement is restricted.

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>