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Virulent Newcastle Disease Outbreak

As of May 17, 2018, virulent Newcastle Disease (vND) has been confirmed in Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. To date, 37 cases have been detected.

vND was originally detected in a small flock of backyard exhibition chickens in Los Angeles County on May 16, 2018, by the California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory System (CAHFS). Testing was confirmed by the USDA APHIS on May 17, 2018. The latest confirmed case was detected on July 3.

Information regarding the outbreak is found at:

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

It is important that members not allow comingling of pigeons and poultry. We also encourage members to follow recommended bio-security measures.

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>