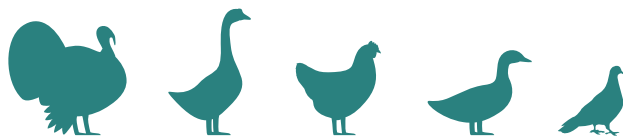


MIGRATION MEANS YOUR BIRDS ARE AT HIGHER RISK OF AVIAN INFLUENZA



PROTECT YOUR FLOCK FROM BIRD FLU

Prevent contact with wild birds and other animals

Your birds are at increased risk of catching bird flu during the spring and fall months when wild birds are migrating, especially if your birds have access to the outdoors. Keep your birds, and their feed and water away from contact with wild birds or areas that wild birds have frequented. If possible, keep your birds indoors as much as possible.

Clean frequently

Eliminate the risk of disease spread by routinely and thoroughly cleaning barns, cages, egg trays, and water and feed containers. Do not share or borrow equipment from other bird owners. Clean your hands, clothing and footwear before and after handling birds. As a best practice, use dedicated clothing and footwear when handling birds.

Limit exposure to visitors

People can spread bird diseases via contaminated footwear, clothing or equipment that may have been exposed to infected birds. As a general rule, do not give visitors access to your birds and limit your own exposure to other birds.

Keep new birds separate when entering your flock

New birds should be segregated and monitored for at least 30 days before entering your existing flock. Clean hands and change clothing and footwear before and after handling segregated birds.

Spot the signs and report early

Call a veterinarian or your local Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) office if you see any of the signs below among your birds. Ducks and geese may show less severe signs.

- sudden death
- lack of energy, movement or appetite
- decreased egg production
- swelling around the head, neck and eyes
- respiratory signs such as coughing, gasping for air or sneezing
- nervous signs, tremors or lack of coordination
- diarrhea

More information about avian influenza and a full list of local CFIA animal health offices is available online at inspection.canada.ca. You may also call 1-800-442-2342.

If you find a sick or dead wild bird please contact the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative (CWHC) cwhc-rcsf.ca

**Anyone
suspecting bird
flu in their birds
is required to
report it to their
veterinarian
or CFIA.**



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