

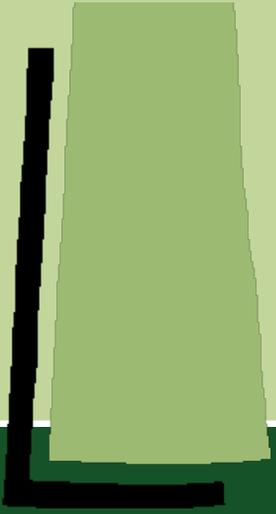
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**Saskatchewan Poultry Industry
Emergency Response Plan**

Producer Manual

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On-Farm Emergency Contact List



**Producers should not conduct media interviews. Media should be handled by the SPIEMT spokesperson.*

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Processor			
Egg grader			
Catching crew			
Equipment repair			
Insurance company			
FARM CONTACTS			
Owner			
Manager			
Employees			
Rural Municipality (#)			
Prairie Diagnostic Services	Saskatoon	(306) 966-7316	
Mobile Crisis Services		1-800-667-4442	
CFIA Emergency Line		1-866-212-0665	
CFIA District Veterinarian		(306) 780-5180	

LAND LOCATION: _____

DIRECTIONS TO FARM:

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Abbreviations

AI	Avian Influenza
C&D	Cleaning and Disinfecting
CFIA	Canadian Food Inspection Agency
CFS	Chicken Farmers of Saskatchewan
EMO	Emergency Measures Organization
EMT	Emergency Management Team
END	Exotic Newcastle Disease
EOC	Emergency Operations Centre
FFCS	Farm and Food Care Saskatchewan
FAD	Foreign Animal Disease
FADES	Foreign Animal Disease Emergency Support
HP	Highly Pathogenic
HPAI	Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza
ILT	Infectious Laryngotracheitis
LPAI	Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza
NAI	Notifiable Avian Influenza
PCR	Polymerase Chain Reaction (lab analysis for NAI)
SA	Saskatchewan Agriculture
SPI	Saskatchewan Poultry Industry
SPIEMT	SK Poultry Industry Emergency Management Team





Chapter 1: Introduction

1.1. Saskatchewan Poultry Industry Emergency Response Plan

The emergency response plan serves as a guideline in the event the Saskatchewan poultry industry experiences an emergency such as a provincially notifiable or federally reportable disease outbreak (see [Provincially Notifiable Diseases](#) and [Federally Reportable Diseases](#)).

Other emergencies for which this plan may be useful include Acts of God (fires, flooding, tornados, excessive heat or cold, ice storm, etc.) and/or extended power outages, food safety violations, transportation barriers, act of terrorism, as well as feed and water contamination.

The roles and responsibilities of the Saskatchewan poultry producer in the event of a poultry emergency is outlined in this manual.

Members of the Saskatchewan poultry industry have formed a functional team capable of making rapid decisions and responding efficiently in an emergency situation. The Saskatchewan Poultry Industry Emergency Management Team (SPIEMT) consists of members from the following sectors:

- Chicken Farmers of Saskatchewan
- Saskatchewan Broiler Hatching Egg Producers
- Saskatchewan Egg Producers
- Turkey Farmers of Saskatchewan
- Hatcheries
- Poultry Meat Processors
- Egg Graders and Processors
- University of Saskatchewan Poultry Extension
- Feed Industry
- Catching Crews
- Farm and Food Care Saskatchewan (FFCS)

Government partners have been involved in the planning process so that the emergency response plan complies with their procedures. Key government partners involved in SPIEMT planning include:

- Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)
- Saskatchewan Agriculture (SA)
- Emergency Measures Organization (EMO)

Contact your board office to get the contact information for your current SPIEMT representative. Include this information on the On-Farm Emergency Form provided in the front of the manual.





Chapter 2: What Poultry Disease Symptoms Should I Look For?

2.1. Provincially Notifiable Diseases

The following poultry diseases are immediately notifiable in Saskatchewan:

- Salmonella Enteritidis
- Infectious Laryngotracheitis

Confirmed cases of these diseases must be reported within 24 hours of confirmation by a diagnostic lab to the office of the provincial Chief Veterinary Officer. There is currently no official provincial mandate to respond to confirmed cases of these diseases. In some cases, no actions will be taken, while in others, some additional investigation or action may be required; this will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

2.2. Salmonella Enteritidis

Clinical signs of infection in chickens are generally not present. However, in young bird's non-specific signs can occur, including:

- Depression
- Poor growth
- Weakness
- Diarrhea
- Increased mortality

Rapid development of septicemia, particularly in young birds, can cause high mortality with few or no clinical signs. If unexplained high mortality occurs, birds should be submitted to PDS for diagnostics.

2.3. Infectious Laryngotracheitis

ILT is a highly contagious respiratory disease of chickens caused by a herpesvirus, which can occur in any age of bird, but is most commonly detected in birds older than 4 weeks of age. Clinical signs can include:

- Neck extension and open mouth breathing
- Coughing and gasping
- Discharge from the nose and/or mouth; may be bloody
- Swelling of the tissues around the eyes and/or watery eyes
- Drop in egg production
- Increased mortality

Mortality can range from 0-20% but can increase due to subsequent infections.

If you or your veterinarian suspect a highly contagious disease on your farm it is important to administer [self-quarantine protocols](#), and practice heightened biosecurity when submitting samples, as described in the [diagnostic submission protocol](#) sections.



2.4. Federally Reportable Diseases

Reportable diseases are outlined in the Health of Animals Act and Regulations and are important to human or animal health or to the Canadian economy. Animal owners, veterinarians and laboratories are required to immediately report the presence of an animal that is contaminated or suspected of being contaminated with one of these diseases to a Canadian Food Inspection Agency district veterinarian. Control or eradication measures will be applied immediately.

Reportable diseases under the Health of Animals Act pertaining to poultry include:

- Notifiable Avian Influenza
- Exotic Newcastle Disease
- Fowl Typhoid (*Salmonella gallinarum*)
- Pullorum Disease (*Salmonella pullorum*)

In the event of a Foreign Animal Disease (FAD) outbreak, the goal of the CFIA's emergency response is to prevent further spread of the disease and protect animal health. With a Notifiable Avian Influenza (NAI) outbreak, for example, the CFIA would employ its "stamping out" policy to eradicate the disease.

Actions include:

- The humane destruction of all infected and exposed animals
- Surveillance and tracing of potentially infected or exposed poultry
- Strict quarantine and controls on movement of poultry
- Thorough decontamination of infected premises

Canada can regain its disease-free status and resume normal trade in poultry products once the disease control operations are completed and the disease has been eradicated.

Information on reportable diseases provided by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/diseases/reportable/eng/1303768471142/1303768544412>

2.5. Notifiable Avian Influenza

Avian influenza is a contagious viral infection caused by the influenza virus Type "A", which can affect several species of food producing birds (chickens, turkeys, quails, guinea fowl, etc.) as well as pet birds and wild birds.

AI viruses are classified in two categories based on the severity of the illness caused in birds: low pathogenic (LPAI) and high pathogenic (HPAI), with HPAI causing the greatest number of deaths in birds. Most AI viruses are low pathogenic and typically cause little or no clinical signs in infected birds. However, some low pathogenic viruses are capable of mutating into high pathogenic viruses. There are many influenza subtypes, two of which include H5 and H7. Historically, only the H5 and H7 subtypes are known to have become high pathogenic in avian



species. It is these two subtypes (H5 and H7) that are considered Notifiable Avian Influenza (NAI).

Wild birds, especially waterfowl, are natural reservoirs for influenza viruses. Wild birds are not generally affected by the disease but can still transmit the disease to domestic birds.

The disease can also spread to birds through contact with infected poultry and poultry products, through litter and manure containing high concentrations of the virus, and through contaminated clothing and footwear, vehicles and equipment, and feed and water.

Some or all the following clinical signs are evident in HPAI infected birds:

- sudden onset of high mortality
- quietness and extreme depression with ruffled feathers
- decreased feed consumption and excessive thirst
- sudden drop in production of eggs, many of which are soft-shelled or shell-less
- wattles and combs become swollen and congested
- swelling of the skin under the eyes
- coughing, sneezing eye discharge and nervous signs
- diarrhea
- haemorrhages on the hock



Cyanotic combs and wattles, swelling under the eyes and hemorrhages on the hock.

Wild bird populations, a natural reservoir for the influenza viruses, are beyond producers' control. Therefore, it is essential for commercial poultry producers to maintain strict biosecurity practices to prevent introduction of the virus in their flock.

On a farm:

- keep poultry confined indoors
- keep away from areas frequented by wild fowl
- keep strict control over access to your poultry houses by people and equipment
- keep equipment cleaned and disinfected before taking it into poultry houses
- maintain high sanitation standards



- follow strict biosecurity practices – work with only one poultry species, but if working with multiple barns or multiple species on the same premise is necessary, change footwear and clothing.
- do not keep outdoor bird feeders or create duck ponds on your property as they attract wild birds

Although the AI virus is capable of prolonged survival in the environment, it is important to remember that it is also relatively unstable, and susceptible to inactivation in heat, pH extremes, non-isotonic conditions and dryness. These factors need to be remembered during barn preparation.

Preliminary in-field chicken manure heat treatment research has shown no infectivity of the virus after 36 hours of exposure to temperatures of 30-37°C. This highlights the importance of barn preparation, especially when using straw that has been stored outside and possibly exposed to water fowl.

Information on AI provided by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/diseases/reportable/ai/eng/1323990856863/1323991018946>

[http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/diseases/reportable/ai/fact-](http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/diseases/reportable/ai/fact-sheet/eng/1356193731667/1356193918453)

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CFIA presentation to CFS producers: AI SK 2007

Poultry Med website (accessed May 3, 2018):

<http://www.poultrymed.com/Poultrymed/Templates/showpage.asp?DBID=1&LNGID=1&TMID=103&FID=1512>



2.6. Exotic Newcastle Disease

Exotic Newcastle Disease (END) is a contagious and fatal viral disease affecting all species of birds but is of particular concern for poultry flocks. END is one of the most infectious diseases of poultry in the world - death rates of 100 percent can occur in unvaccinated flocks. Even vaccinated flocks can experience infections and deaths. END (also known as velogenic viscerotropic Newcastle disease) is one of several types of Newcastle disease - the severity of the disease depends on the type of Newcastle disease virus.

END affects the respiratory, nervous and digestive systems of birds. The incubation period ranges from two to 15 days.

An infected bird may exhibit the following signs:

- sneezing, gasping for air, nasal discharge and coughing
- greenish and watery diarrhea
- depression, muscular tremors, drooping wings, twisting of head and neck circling, and complete paralysis
- partial to complete drop in egg production
- production of thin-shelled egg
- swelling of the tissues around the eyes and in the neck
- sudden death
- increased death loss in a flock



Transmission of infection is mainly by direct contact with diseased or carrier birds. It can spread rapidly among birds in close confinement (e.g. commercial flocks). As there is a high concentration of the virus in birds' bodily discharges, the disease can also be spread unintentionally through human activity. For example, poultry material bearing the virus (such as feathers or manure) could become attached to people's shoes or clothing and carried from an infected area to a healthy flock. As such, it is often spread by people working in the poultry industry, such as manure haulers, truck drivers, poultry buyers, feed delivery services, etc. Even non-industry visitors to poultry operations could become unwitting sources of transmission.

There have not been any cases of END in domestic poultry in Canada since 1973. Sporadic cases have been recorded in migratory birds. It occurs in Central and South America, the Middle East and most of Europe, Africa and Asia. Outbreaks of END have occurred periodically in the western United States.

Information on END provided by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/diseases/reportable/nd/eng/1330200847526/1330201028686>

Photo is from the California Department of Food and Agriculture:

http://www.cdffa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/images/avian_health/Picture9.gif



2.7. Fowl Typhoid (*Salmonella gallinarum* infection)

Salmonella gallinarum infection is a disease with high mortality and morbidity that affects adult birds more often than young birds. In chicks and poults, most of the clinical features are like Pullorum Disease.

In adult birds, fowl typhoid may go unnoticed, but if clinical signs do occur, they may include:

- sulphur-coloured diarrhea
- listlessness and depression
- decreased appetite and dehydration
- weight loss
- ruffled feathers
- pale and shrunken combs and wattles

Bird to bird transmission of fowl typhoid can occur through infected droppings, dead bird carcasses, and infected clothing, shoes, utensils and other vectors.

2.8. Pullorum Disease (*Salmonella pullorum* infection)

Pullorum Disease is caused by the bacteria *Salmonella pullorum* and is transmitted by infected breeder hens through their eggs. Chicks and poults that hatch from infected eggs will have white diarrhea, pasty vents and high mortality. Infected chicks can infect other chicks via droppings. Most acute outbreaks occur in birds that are under three weeks of age. Death may occur soon after hatching without any observable signs. Mortality may approach 90% and survivors are usually stunted and unthrifty.

Clinical signs of a bird infected with *Salmonella pullorum* include:

- droopiness, birds may appear sleepy or weak
- ruffled feathers
- chilled appearance with birds huddling near a source of heat
- labored breathing
- presence of a white diarrhea with a "pasted-down" appearance around the vent
- decreased appetite
- shrill chirping

Adult birds infected with *Salmonella pullorum* usually have no signs of disease but may sometimes appear unthrifty. Infected hens will have internal lesions in the ovary and may or may not be productive layers. The eggs of infected birds may have reduced hatchability.

Information for Fowl Typhoid and Pullorum Disease was provided by:

Important Poultry Diseases, Intervet International BV

Descriptions of Significant Poultry Diseases, New Brunswick Poultry Disease Emergency Response Plan





Chapter 3: What Steps Should I Follow if I Suspect a Poultry Disease?

3.1. Disease Suspicion

If there is a significant unexplained change in mortality or production, and a poultry disease is suspected, the producer should administer a self quarantine procedure, request the assistance of their poultry veterinarian and/or submit appropriate samples to a veterinary diagnostic laboratory. To ensure that samples yield the best possible results they must be handled in a way that prevents contamination and preserves the viability of the causative organism.



3.2. Self-Quarantine Checklist

Self-Quarantine Checklist
Provincially/Federally notifiable disease suspected

- Immediately call your veterinarian.
- Record date and time you called vet. Date: _____ Time: _____
- Provide diagnostic specimens to poultry vet or to Prairie Diagnostic Services (Follow diagnostic submission protocol)
- Record submitted sample information:
 - Date: _____
 - Time: _____
 - Reference/Submission # _____
 - Estimated time/date of preliminary results _____
- Contact board office or one of the SPIEMT co-chairs
 - Executive Director Chicken Farmers of Saskatchewan – (306) 242-3270
 - General Managers of Saskatchewan Egg Producers – (306) 281-8494
 - Executive Director Turkey Farms of Saskatchewan – (306) 256-3494
 - Executive Director Broiler Hatching Egg Producers – (306) 384-8053
 - SPIEMT Co-Communicator (Frank) – (306) 361-4973

Is disease suspected Yes No

Additional Notes:



3.3. Diagnostic Submission Protocol

Step 1: What do I submit?

- Provide all information, visitor logbooks, health records and flock history.
 - Include a complete description of what the problem is (mortality, production drop, reduced water consumption, etc), including date/time of onset, duration, extent (percentages) and whether things are getting worse or better over a defined period.
 - Offer your suspicions as to what you think the problem might be.
- Submit a sample from your flock of birds.
- Record submission date & reference number.

Step 2: Where do I submit samples?

1. Request that your poultry veterinarian visit the farm and have him/her provide a tentative diagnosis and submit the appropriate samples.

Poultry Extension Veterinarian
(306) 966-7300

For urgent concerns, leave a voice message with your name, contact number and a description of the problem if the veterinarian does not answer the phone. Voice messages are converted to audio files and delivered to the veterinarian's inbox.

2. The producer or farm manager can take the appropriate samples (dead/affected birds or blood/tissue samples) and submit them directly to the office of their poultry veterinarian or to the provincial veterinary diagnostic laboratory. When transporting a diagnostic sample, it must be packaged appropriately (see Step 3) to prevent the potential spread of infectious disease.

Prairie Diagnostic Services – Saskatoon
Western College of Veterinary Medicine
52 Campus Drive
Saskatoon SK S7N 5B4
Phone: (306) 966-7316
Fax: (306) 966-2488

Step 3: How should I prepare the samples?

- Dead birds should be dead for less than 24 hours and kept chilled to remain suitable specimens for sampling. Suspect bird submission must be handled with extreme caution and regard for biosecurity. For example, use heavy-duty garbage bags and double bag the birds, spray the outside surface of each bag with Virkon or another disinfectant, place the double-bagged birds in a Rubbermaid container, and spray the outside of the container prior to transport.
- Live birds must NOT be submitted. One does not want to disseminate the infectious agent which would be impossible to prevent if transporting live birds to the lab.



- Blood and tissues samples should be clearly labeled and placed in a closed plastic baggie.
- Swabs should be appropriate for the testing requested. Example: bacterial culture swabs for Staphylococcus, pooled dry swabs for PCR lab analysis. Please call the testing laboratory if unsure.

Step 4: What should I expect?

- Preliminary findings based on the gross lesions seen at necropsy will be forwarded to the appropriate contact person of the suspect premises.
- During the interim between submission and preliminary test results, your veterinarian may recommend initial treatment based on suspected diagnosis formed from the clinical evaluation.
- The treatment that your veterinarian suggests may have to be modified as new test results become available.
- Ensure on-farm biosecurity protocols are being followed and suspend all unnecessary traffic.

3.4. Positive Presumption

A veterinarian can declare a presumptive positive diagnosis if there is an unexplained high mortality situation or marked drop in production.

The veterinarian and/or diagnostic lab needs to report preliminary diagnostic results to the CFIA, producer, and provincial and poultry veterinarians.

The CFIA will collect preliminary samples from the diagnostic lab and forward them to the National Centre of Foreign Animal Disease. CFIA will contact the producer and the flock veterinarian to discuss the case. The CFIA district veterinarian will be assigned to investigate the suspected case and may require additional sampling.



3.5. Confirmed Diagnosis of a Foreign Animal Disease

Upon confirmation of a FAD, the CFIA will request an official declaration of disease from the Federal Minister of Agriculture.

The CFIA shall initiate emergency response logistics by activating their Emergency Response Team, the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) and contact the SPIEMT co-chairs to activate the provincial industry response plan. The CFIA contacts the provincial government and they activate the FADES plan to involve the ministries of Agriculture and Health as well as Emergency Operations and Occupational Health and Safety.

CFIA initiates contact with the producer to inform him and or her that there will be an official declaration of disease. The Federal Minister of Agriculture signs and issues a Declaration of Infection, under the section 22 of Health of Animals Act.

CFIA will define the control area and establish movement restrictions.



Self-Quarantine Checklist

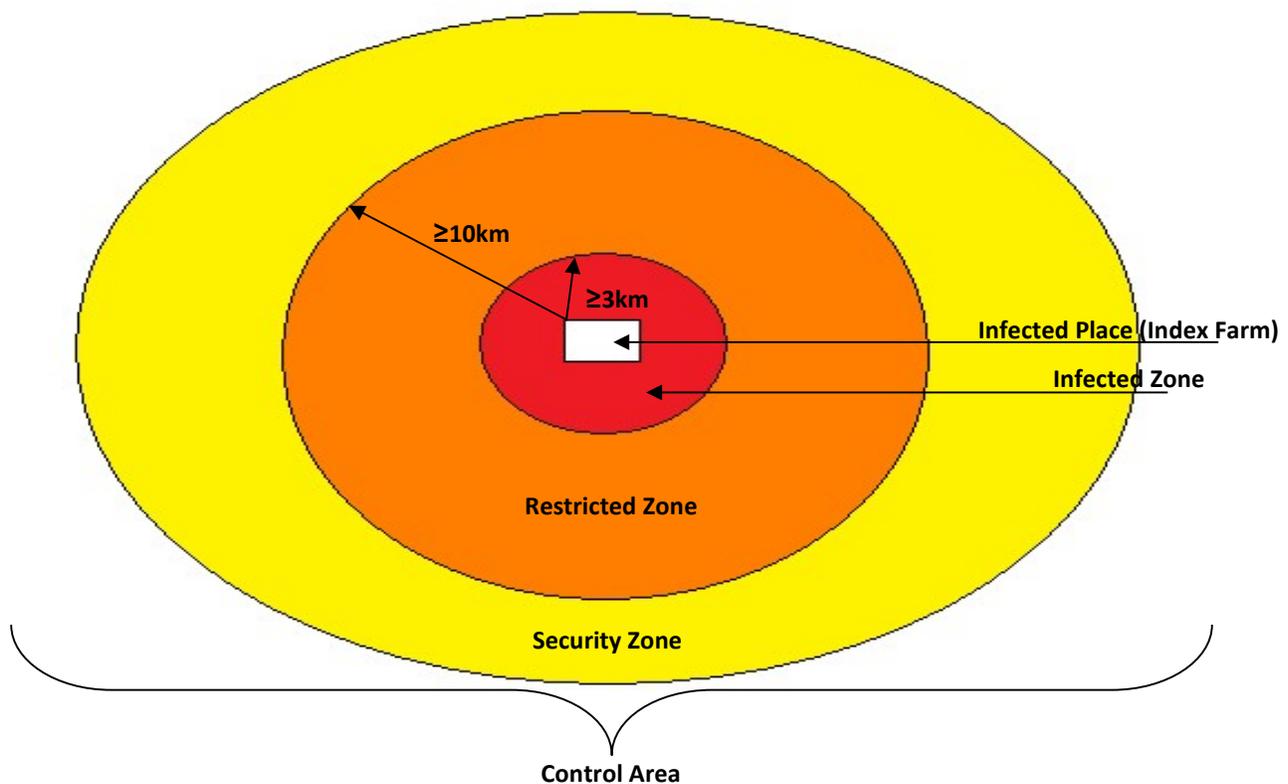
Provincially/Federally notifiable disease confirmed

- Lock barns and keep records of all people coming to the farm and leaving the farm
- Block the laneways to the controlled access zone to prevent unwanted traffic/access
- Inform Board Office
 - Executive Director Chicken Farmers of Saskatchewan
 - Executive Director Saskatchewan Egg Producers (306) 281-8494
cam.broten@saskegg.ca
 - Executive directors Turkey Farmers of Saskatchewan (306) 931-1050
TFSadmin@sasktel.net
 - Executive Director Broiler Hatching Egg Producers (306) 384-8053
michael@sbhep.ca
 - SPIEMT Co-Communicator (306) 242-3229
frank@saskatchewanchicken.ca
- Cancel all external services that may come to your farm (feed, catching crews, etc)
- Clean and sanitize barn entrances
- Have biosecurity clothing available at barn entrances (disposable coveralls, boot covers, masks, etc.)
- Clean/laundry dedicated barn clothing/footwear
- Set up closed containers to place mortalities in for movement to disposal site
- Reduce movement on and off the farm (including family)
- When possible, conduct activities through phone, fax, or email
- Consult your industry program manuals for more information



3.6. Disease Control Zones

Once a FAD has been confirmed, CFIA will implement several disease containment zones. Below is a scenario of an infected farm. If additional farms are declared infected places, the infected and restricted regions would be altered accordingly.



- **Control Area:** The area established by the Minister to control a disease by regulating the movement of persons, machinery, animals, animal products and animal byproducts. This area includes Infected, Restricted and Security Regions and will be designed with the objective of controlling the spread of the virus and minimizing the impact on the poultry industry.
- **Security Zone:** The geographic area between the perimeters of the Restricted Region to the edge of the Control Area.
- **Restricted Zone:** A minimum 10 km radius measured from the Infected Place that surrounds the Infected Region. The boundaries will be defined by physical geographical barriers.
- **Infected Zone:** A minimum 3 km radius surrounding an Infected Place. When possible, natural barriers and roadways will be used to facilitate the implementation of disease control procedures.



- **Infected Place:** The premise where a CFIA Veterinary Inspector presumes or confirms that a FAD exists.

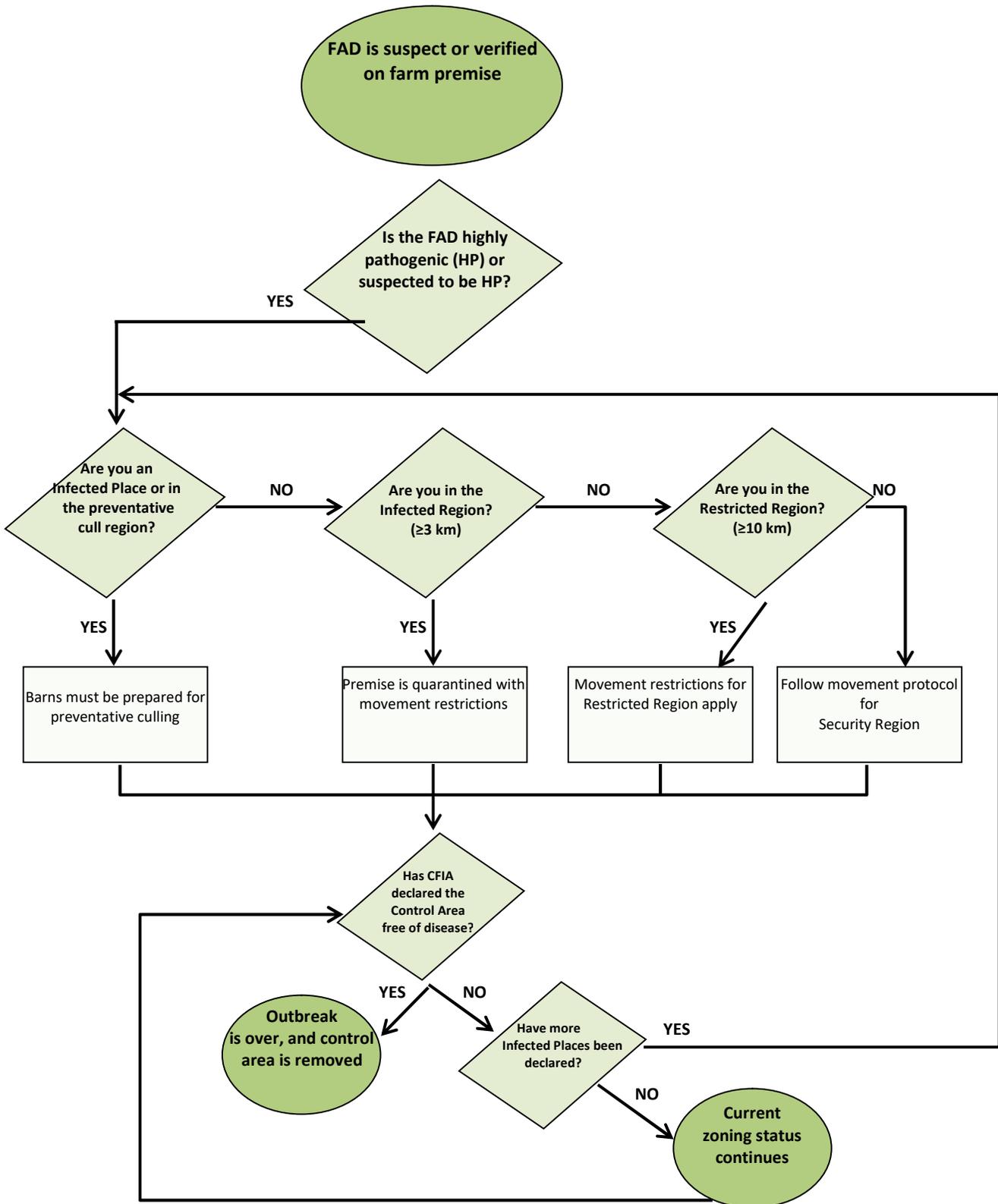
Any farm where birds have tested positive for a FAD will be depopulated. The CFIA has the mandate to humanely destroy any FAD-positive or highly suspicious FAD premises and is responsible to carry out these actions. Flocks will be humanely destroyed on farm. Whenever possible, poultry carcasses, poultry products, manure and feed from infected farms will be composted or buried on site.

All infected premises are required to be cleaned and disinfected, by the producer, under CFIA supervision according to CFIA protocols.

Information from: "Notifiable Avian Influenza and Your Operation: Your guide to what you need to know when Avian Influenza is detected/The Principles of AI Disease Control," February 2008.



3.7. FAD Confirmation - What Happens Next...





Chapter 4: What Additional Biosecurity Measures Should I Take?

4.1. When a Poultry Disease is Known or Suspected in Your Vicinity (But It's Not You)

1. Watch your flock and report to your veterinarian and/or board unusual illness or mortality.
2. Use your logbook to record all movement and all visitors on and off the farm, not just within the barns or restricted areas.
3. Review all biosecurity requirements and strictly adhere to them. Make every effort to heighten biosecurity protocols.
4. Restrict movement on and off the farm, including individuals and family. A barrier is recommended and ensures all access points are blocked. When possible, do all activities through non-contact methods such as telephone.
5. Eliminate or delay all activities that if undertaken, could act as a vector to spread disease. Avoid direct contact with off farm poultry or poultry personnel.
6. **No other farms can be visited.** Do not visit locations of common attendance (coffee shops).
7. Make courtesy calls to suppliers, utility companies, and service providers listed on your emergency contact list so they can implement their own biosecurity procedures. Delay or reduce all service and other farm visits and take extreme caution when allowing necessary visits.
 - Drivers must not enter barn(s) and must reduce foot travel to absolute necessity.
 - Drivers must wear plastic boots (or similar) and deposit them at the farm when leaving. Hand disinfecting, or vigorous washing with warm water and soap prior to leaving is desired.
 - Truck tires and wheel wells must be sprayed with a disinfectant prior to entering and exiting your premises. Believing the truck passed through a potentially infected zone, the driver will proceed to a truck wash where the tires, wheel wells and undercarriage will be cleaned and sprayed with a disinfectant. A disinfectant spray must be applied inside the truck cab to areas such as the floor, steering wheel and door handles prior to returning to base or going directly to another poultry farm.
8. Family members attending activities away from the farm (work, school) should limit access to the barn and follow strict biosecurity protocols to eliminate risks. They should avoid contact with any other feathered species including pet birds.
9. Limit flock management to specific individuals. Designated clothing including footwear should be utilized for each barn. Take exceptional care that no equipment enters or leaves the barn area unless thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. Hand disinfecting or vigorous washing with warm water and soap is also recommended prior to leaving the barn.
10. Make certain other animals such as dogs and cats do not enter the barn or have contact with dead birds. Consider confining these animals currently.
11. Confinement of mortalities to the farm is recommended until the situation is clear. Dead bird disposal should strictly follow guidelines as outlined by provincial or board regulations. The use of freezers or alternate containment is preferred.
12. Garbage disposal should be well thought out so that care and control of material generated on the farm is maintained until the situation is clear.
13. Ensure you have a supply of consumable items such as extra coveralls, boots, barrier tape, disinfectant, or other similar supplies.





Information from:

Recommendations to Producers with a Poultry Disease Outbreak in the Vicinity, Chicken Farmers of Ontario, June 2005

Chapter 5: How Will Birds be Disposed Of?

Disposal methods for FAD-infected birds and materials must be approved by the CFIA and will depend upon local conditions. **In-barn composting** of bird mortality, manure, feed and other poultry products is the ideal disposal method to reduce viral contamination and address environmental concerns; however, this method is not suitable for all poultry production sites.

5.1. On-Site Disposal

In addition to in-barn composting, other on-site disposal options include:

- Burial
- Air-forced burning in a pit or container

5.2. Off-Site Disposal

Off-site disposal may occur when disposal on the infected premise is not possible. Methods include:

- Rendering
- Burial or burning at a landfill site, available Crown land, or Department of National Defence land

Additional requirements for off-site disposal options include:

- Carcasses must be sprayed with disinfectant prior to removal
- Bio-secure transport of material following an approved specific route with the appropriate permit(s) and authorization
- Each truck load must be accompanied by a CFIA employee to its destination
- C&D equipment must be available at the disposal site so the vehicle can be properly decontaminated immediately after unloading
- Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations must be followed
- If rendered, a CFIA employee must verify the process, and equipment used must be thoroughly cleaned and decontaminated
- Rendered product cannot be used in livestock feed and must be disposed of by burial, incineration or composting

Information on disposal methods was provided by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

5.3. Composting References

Poultry Mortality Composting, 2011.

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<http://publications.gov.sk.ca/documents/20/84778-Composting%20Animal%20Mortalities.pdf>





Chapter 6: What are CFIA's Cleaning & Disinfecting Procedures?

Online information regarding CFIA's C&D and Decontamination protocols in response to a FAD is no longer available. Please note CFIA's C&D protocol for an Infected Place includes Dry Clean, Wet Clean and Disinfection. Templates that comply with CFIA's C&D requirements are available from your provincial board office.

In Chapter 9 - Emergency Situations of the Meat and Poultry Products Manual of Procedures, section 9.2.4 addresses Cleaning and Disinfection for Contingency Planning. It states:

“The plan should describe how the abattoir (production site) will be cleaned and disinfected specifying the ability to clean various areas, the level of exposure, and the disposal of contaminated biological materials. The additional clean-up and disinfection procedures which would be required of the operator, including allowing for sufficient contact time of the disinfectant (i.e. cleaning and disinfecting) before reinitiating operations, or accepting additional live animals, should be described. Procedures should be documented for cleaning and disinfecting vehicles, particularly crates, and live transport trucks on-site. These procedures should be developed by the operator and provided to the veterinarian for review and approval. The level of cleaning and disinfection required will depend on the risk determination.”

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/food/meat-and-poultry-products/manual-of-procedures/chapter-9/eng/1350410085712/1350410443059?chap=2#s4c2>

