



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

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Virulent Newcastle Disease Update

To: California Poultry Producers

Effective June 1, 2020, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has released the Virulent Newcastle Disease (VND) Regional Quarantine following successful completion of the Freedom of Disease Testing phase. The last detected case of VND was confirmed February 25, 2020. Since that time, CDFA has conducted extensive surveillance testing throughout Southern California area. To date, no additional cases have been found.

At this time, I am lifting the recommendation to house poultry indoors. Please still take necessary precautions to protect your flocks and separate them from wild birds where possible. The risk to each farm may be different, so it is always important to consider your unique situation. If you are certified organic and want to make changes to housing, you must contact your certifier *before* altering confinement.

Thank you for your cooperation.

For more information about biosecurity, please visit: cdfa.ca.gov/go/avianhealth

Sincerely,

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