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Biosecurity Requirements for HPAI Indemnity Eligibility

Wild waterfowl can carry Avian Influenza to US producers from countries experiencing outbreaks in Europe and Asia during winter migration. Numerous detections of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in wild waterfowl in multiple Eastern States and most recently a commercial turkey flock in Indiana have been confirmed. The strains found thus far originated in Europe, which shows that AI can spread quickly to the US from other countries. Now is an important time to increase biosecurity practices, deter wildlife from your farm, and to be observant for increases in sick and dead poultry.

The USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service published regulations in 9 CFR § 53.11 “Highly pathogenic avian influenza; conditions for payment” in order to standardize biosecurity practices and clarify expectations of the minimum biosecurity requirements that must be in place. These regulations require that producers in specified production categories (see below) have a Biosecurity plan covering the 14 Biosecurity Principles in place and audited (the 14th Biosecurity Principle is the audit) at the time of detection of HPAI on their premises in order to be eligible for HPAI Indemnity.

The specified production categories are premises that raise:

- 100,000 or more broilers (annually)
- 30,000 or more meat turkeys (annually)
- 25,000 or more raised-for-release upland game birds or raised-for-release waterfowl
- 25,000 or more commercial upland game bird or waterfowl producing eggs for human consumption
- Or have more than 75,000 table egg layers on the premises
- Or have more than 5,000 breeding birds on the premises

Producers that do not participate in National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) but want to be included in the USDA HPAI indemnity eligibility program can participate through the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). Producers that participate in NPIP have been contacted by the California NPIP Official State Agent and may disregard this notice.

For questions or to participate, e-mail SFSpermits@cdfa.ca.gov the following:

- California Poultry Farm Premises Biosecurity Plan Template (at minimum pages 1-3 for general premises information).
- A written biosecurity plan that you are currently using (this may be company-wide or specific to each premises and must cover the 14 Biosecurity Principles).
- A map of each premises with key elements labeled as described on the guidance document (attached).

NOTE: Producers will not be eligible for HPAI indemnity if they do not participate in this or the NPIP program. Participation in this program is not associated with Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI) indemnity eligibility.

For assistance or resources on how to implement biosecurity principles on your farm, please work with your veterinarian. Additional resources for developing plans can be found at: cdfa.ca.gov/go/poultrybiosecurity

For questions about NPIP please contact, Monica Della Maggiore at 209-576-6355 or monica@cpif.org.

Sincerely,

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