



UPDATE FOR CALIFORNIA DAIRY PRODUCERS

H5N1 (BIRD FLU) IN LIVESTOCK

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

- All dairies previously under quarantine for H5N1 have been released.
- California remains in Stage 3 under the National Milk Testing Strategy. Intermittent **low-level detections continue**, indicating the virus is still present.
- Wildlife detections across the state continue to pose a risk.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

- Report sick animals immediately to CDFA.
- Monitor cattle for signs of illness.
- Maintain strong biosecurity practices.
- Limit unnecessary animal movement and use caution when introducing new animals.

WHAT THIS MEANS:

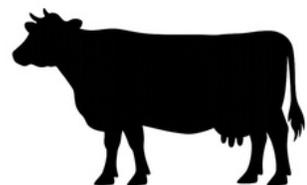
- There are currently no movement restrictions within California.
- Interstate movement still requires federal testing.
- CDFA will continue statewide milk testing and surveillance to detect any new cases and support progress toward National Milk Testing Strategy Stage 4 status.

SIGNS TO WATCH FOR:

- Milk production drop
- Lethargy
- Nasal discharge
- Reduced feed intake
- Abnormal feces
- Fever or dehydration
- Increased abortions

KEY MESSAGE:

Biosecurity and early reporting remain the best tools to protect your herd and prevent disease spread.





H5N1 RESPONSE & GUIDANCE FOR PRODUCERS

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SURVEILLANCE & TESTING:

- CDFA will continue **statewide milk testing** for the next several months to **monitor for recurrence**.
- Surveillance efforts include coordination with USDA and wildlife agencies.
- Testing data will guide next steps toward advancing California's National Milk Testing Strategy status.

MOVEMENT GUIDANCE:

- **No current movement restrictions within California.**
- Recommend H5N1 naive dairies test prior to introduction.
- Dairy cattle moving out of state **must comply with federal requirements**, including **H5N1 testing for lactating cattle** or applicable testing protocols prior to movement.

BIOSECURITY REMINDERS:

- Maintain **enhanced biosecurity practices** on your operation.
- **Clean and disinfect equipment and vehicles.**
- Limit visitors and unnecessary traffic.
- **Isolate animals showing clinical signs.**
- Continue precautions when introducing new animals.

REPORTING & CONTACT:

If you observe signs consistent with H5N1, **contact your CDFA Animal Health Branch District Office immediately**. Early reporting supports rapid response and helps protect the broader livestock industry.



RESOURCES:



[CDFA H5N1 IN LIVESTOCK](#)



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