



Comparing State and Federal Quarantines for Exotic Newcastle Disease in California

Why is poultry quarantined in California?

Exotic Newcastle Disease (END) has been diagnosed in backyard and commercial poultry in Southern California. END has been found in Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, Riverside, San Diego and San Bernardino Counties. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) are currently working in a cooperative Task Force to eradicate this disease. The movement and gathering of poultry species is a major way END is spread. Two CDFA quarantines and one USDA quarantine are regulating the movement and gathering of birds, bird products and materials that could spread END.

What is included in the CDFA quarantines?

On January 7, 2003, the California State Veterinarian placed a regional quarantine on counties in Southern California that have cases of END. The quarantine restricts MOVEMENT and EXHIBITION of poultry and poultry products in all of Los Angeles, San Diego, Ventura and Orange Counties, and portions of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.

For the purposes of the state quarantine, poultry species include: chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, partridges, pheasants, quail, guinea fowl, pea fowl (peacocks), doves, pigeons, grouse, swans, and ratites (emus, ostriches, rheas, etc.).

On March 17, 2003, the California State Veterinarian placed a second quarantine on the entire state, which prohibits EXHIBITIONS of poultry throughout California.

For the purposes of the state quarantine, an exhibition is defined as: any event, gathering or activity where live poultry from various sources are brought together for public display, competitive or non-competitive showing, inspection, trade, or sale, at venues that include, but are not limited to, auctions, bird shows, fair exhibits, feed stores, hardware stores, pet marts, pet stores, petting zoos, swap meets, and individual residences.

What is included in the USDA quarantine?

The USDA has quarantined the counties with END as well as the buffer zone counties of Imperial and Santa Barbara. Therefore, all of the following counties are included in the Federal quarantine: Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Ventura, Orange, Santa Barbara, and Imperial Counties. The Federal quarantine prohibits movement of ALL birds, bird products and END contaminated materials from the regulated area.

Why is there a difference of counties included in the State and Federal quarantines?

The USDA normally relies on States to restrict movement of animals and products within a state. *Without declaring an extraordinary emergency the USDA only has the authority to restrict the movement of animals and products out of the Federal quarantine zone.* The USDA has declared an extraordinary emergency enabling them to quarantine areas adjacent to the counties affected by END virus. These will act as a buffer zone and thus help prevent the spread of END out of the infected area.

Why are there different species of birds restricted under the State and Federal quarantines?

Different species are included in the State and Federal quarantines because of differences between the State and Federal regulations. According to the Code of Federal Regulations, 9 CFR 82.3, the movement of *all* birds out of the quarantine area is to be restricted or prohibited, either because END has been confirmed in that area or because of the geographical proximity to areas in which END has been confirmed. Under the authority of CDFA's Food and Agricultural Code Section 9562, the quarantines imposed by the State Veterinarian affects animals, products and associated material as defined on the quarantine notice.

What if I need to move birds out of the Federal quarantine zone?

Bird owners wanting to move species not affected by the State quarantine may be eligible for a permit for movement. For more information contact the **END Task Force Permit Section at 1-800-430-0850**. A map of the new regulated area is available on the CDFA Web site. (LINK)

**For more information, contact the END information hotline at 1-800-491-1899 or visit the CDFA Web site listed below:
http://www.cdffa.ca.gov/ahfss/ah/newcastle_info.htm.**