

H5 Avian Influenza Ontario Update

December 17, 2024

On behalf of the Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC), the following provides important updates regarding the highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) situation in Ontario.

THE CURRENT SITUATION

On December 16, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) confirmed the presence of H5 avian influenza on an Ontario premise in the [Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc](#). The infected premise has been placed under quarantine. CFIA will also be establishing specific movement control measures and permitting processes for farms within the 10km Zone.

Currently there are 84 active HPAI cases in Canadian provinces, affecting approximately 14 million birds. Details on additional premises in other provinces can be found [here](#). HPAI has also been detected in 84 poultry flocks in the United States of America in the last 30 days. Details can be found [here](#).

With the unseasonably warmer weather we have been experiencing, wild birds continue to be on the move and we are seeing increases in wild bird die offs, increasing the potential risk of disease transmission.

Farmers are encouraged to follow heightened biosecurity measures (found [here](#)). Farmers are reminded that they should have appropriate biosecurity personal protective equipment (PPE) available for themselves, their employees and anyone entering their premise.

Reminder, if you birds show any signs of illness, call your veterinarian immediately and notify your board.

FOR FARMERS AND INDUSTRY IN BIOSECURITY ADVISORY AREA

CFIA continues to establish Primary Control Zones (PCZ), in the areas where the disease has been identified. The most up-to-date information can be found using the following links:

- [Physical road boundary descriptions of Primary Control Zones](#)
- [Permits and movement permissions](#)

STAY INFORMED

FBCC is committed to providing timely communications to Ontario's poultry industry and will continue to keep you updated as the situation evolves. FBCC staff are collaborating with CFIA and OMAFRA in responding to the situation and working to support business continuity for the poultry industry. If you haven't already done so, please visit the [FBCC website](#) and sign up for Disease Alerts.

