

FBCC FALL 2025 UPDATE

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HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI)

In the last 30 days, HPAI has been detected on 4 commercial premises in Alberta and 1 in Quebec. There are currently no active commercial cases in Ontario.

HPAI has also been detected in 17 commercial flocks and 6 backyard flock in the United States of America in the last 30 days. Details can be found [here](#). They also continue to report positive cases on dairy farms and subsequent positive cases in other mammals, including humans.

As a reminder, with HPAI still prevalent in the environment, heightened biosecurity protocols should be in place at all poultry farms. **It is extremely important that all farmers remain vigilant during the upcoming fall migration period and report any signs of illness to their veterinarian and local Board office.**

AVIAN METAPNEUMOVIRUS (aMPV)

As a reminder, aMPV is a highly contagious disease currently present in the Ontario poultry industry and can spread between all poultry species. It is commonly known as Turkey Viral Rhinotracheitis in turkeys and Swollen Head Syndrome in chickens. There is no treatment for uncomplicated aMPV infection.

The mortality rate of aMPV in turkey ranges from 0.4% to 50% and clinical signs include snicking, rales, nasal discharge, foamy conjunctivitis, swollen infraorbital sinuses, submandibular edema, coughing, open mouth breathing, and head shaking. For chickens, egg production in broiler breeder and egg quality in egg layers is affected.

For further information, please see the [Ontario Animal Health Network advisory](#).

INFECTIOUS LARYNGOTRACHEITIS (ILT)

There are currently two ILT biosecurity zones in Ontario – [Haldimand](#) and [Clarington](#). It is anticipated that these zones will be lifted in October.

FBCC would like to remind producers to rigorously follow their daily biosecurity protocols, as well as consider appropriate additional biosecurity measures to help prevent disease occurrence and spread in the province.

REMINDER FOR ALL POULTRY FARMERS & INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS

We strongly encourage all farmers and stakeholders to follow heightened biosecurity measures. Farmers are reminded that they should have appropriate biosecurity personal protective equipment (PPE) available for themselves, their employees and anyone entering their premises. Ministry of Health PPE recommendations can be found [here](#). If you are providing service to poultry farmers in Ontario, please reinforce your biosecurity protocols, with all deliveries or loading in any affected areas being the last on the route, where possible.

The [Poultry Industry Council](#) has a number of resources available on their website on avian influenza, signs and symptoms, biosecurity protocols, etc., for commercial farms and small flocks.

Farmers should also report sick or dead wild birds and wildlife to the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative (CWHC) by calling 1-866-673-4781 or using the [online reporting tool](#).

Should you suspect any signs of health concerns in your flock, please contact your veterinarian and your board office immediately.

The following is a list of biosecurity measures recommended for Ontario poultry farms:

- Each farmer, employee and every person entering all poultry barns must put on clean footwear, protective clothing and follow all biosecurity protocols on every entry into barns.
- Minimize visits to other poultry/livestock/wildlife sites and avoid any co-mingling of birds or contact with outside/wild birds.
- Avoid exchanging equipment with other poultry/livestock/wildlife sites.
- Ensure all vehicles/farm equipment that access the barn vicinity are properly washed and disinfected and that the laneway is restricted/secured.
- Ensure adequate training of farm and company personnel in biosecurity and disease prevention.
- Ensure adequate control of wild birds and rodents.
- Have a pressure washer or a hose available to wash tires and equipment, and make this available to all service vehicles.
- If possible, “heat treat” the barn/litter ahead of chick or poult placement (to 30°C for a minimum).

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 OMAFA in responding to the situation and working to support business continuity for the poultry industry. If you haven’t already done so, please sign up for FBCC Disease Alerts at www.fbcc.ca. Continue to visit <http://www.fbcc.ca> for more information.