

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Ontario Update

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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 January 31, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) confirmed the presence of HPAI on an Ontario premise. 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 37 active HPAI cases in Canadian provinces, affecting over 11 million birds. Details on additional premises in other provinces can be found [here](#). HPAI has also been detected in 25 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 your 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:

- [Map: Avian Influenza Control Zones – Ontario](#)
- [Physical road boundary descriptions of Primary Control Zones](#)
- [Notice to industry](#)
- [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.

