

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

As of January 9, 2025, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has confirmed the presence of HPAI, subtype H5N1 on seven (7) premises in Ontario in the following regions (click on the location name to access the 10km FBCC buffered biosecurity advisory area):

- IP 50 – [Strathroy-Caradoc](#)
- IP 51 – [Oxford County](#)
- IP 52 and IP 53 – [Oxford County](#)
- IP 54 – [Town of Strathroy](#)
- IP 55 – [Oxford County](#)
- IP 56 – [Middlesex County](#)

Each confirmed infected premise has been placed under quarantine. CFIA has also established specific movement control measures and permitting processes (as outlined below).

Across Canada, there are 74 active cases in Canada. Details can be found [here](#). There have been 113 HPAI detections in poultry flocks in the United States of America. Details can be found [here](#).

FOR FARMERS AND INDUSTRY IN BIOSECURITY ADVISORY AREAS

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](#)
- [Permits and movement permissions](#)

CRITICAL REMINDER FOR ALL POULTRY FARMERS & INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS

FBCC reminds the entire Ontario poultry industry 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. Ministry of Health PPE recommendations can be found [here](#).

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](#).

ACCESS ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

We know that this is a stressful situation for all involved in Ontario's poultry industry. The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness (OMAFRA) has resources available to help people navigate these difficult times. Visit their [Mental Health for Farmers – First Aid Kit](#) or call 1-866-267-6255 for the Farmer Wellness Initiative, which provides farmers and members of their household access to free counselling sessions with a mental health professional.

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 sign up for FBCC Disease Alerts at www.fbcc.ca. Continue to visit www.fbcc.ca for more information.