

## DAILY DEAD BIRD SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM

Dear Producer:

This letter is to provide you with information from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency about the dead bird surveillance (DBS) program.

The CFIA is supplying tote bins to poultry producers in this area in order to collect samples from poultry that have **died of natural causes** in the previous 48 hours. Tote bins will be supplied for barns requiring sampling of dead birds on your farm based on information you have provided to us. Each tote will be labelled with CFIA AI Premise IDs (e.g. BC-001-001, last number sequence representing your barn number). (

A CFIA Inspector will visit your farm the following days of the week (when possible) until further notice:

Your pick-up day(s):

Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday     Saturday     Sunday

Protocol for sampling:

- Collect dead birds to a maximum of ten (10) from each barn on your farm a maximum of 48 hours prior to your designated pickup date. If birds are collected on different days they should be placed in different bags and labeled with the date. Birds should be kept refrigerated until placed out for sampling.
- Note: collect the most recently dead birds for sampling. Place the birds into the supplied garbage bags, close with a cable tie and place into the corresponding marked tote for each barn. The birds must be placed in the bag, in the barn, and sealed before the dead birds leave the barn and are placed in the tote.
- After placing the birds in the tote, close the lid tightly and place the tote at the end of your driveway by 8:00 am the morning of pick-up day. If there are no dead birds for the 48 hours prior to your scheduled pick up, please turn the bin upside down at the end of your driveway.
- If the tote is not upside down, a CFIA Inspector, wearing biosecurity clothing, will open the tote, complete swabs on the birds, and tape the bin closed with fluorescent tape to indicate sampling has been completed.
- Occasionally, due to unforeseen circumstances and limited resources, inspectors may not be able to complete the sampling of your tote on the scheduled day.
- After sampling is complete, it is the responsibility of the owner to remove the birds from the bin, and dispose of them in their regular manner, **making sure to clean the totes** as per the protocol on the **reverse side of this page**.
- The dead bird surveillance (DBS) program is for disease control, and is **mandatory**. Dead birds must be presented to CFIA through the above DBS program. **It is critical that flock health sheets and DBS results align. If “No Dead Bird” has been repeatedly reported to CFIA via upside down bins but the flock health data shows mortalities have occurred – follow up investigation will occur.**

Thank you for your co-operation.

For any questions, please contact the CFIA Surveillance and Diagnostics Unit through our email: [cfia.ABDeadBirdSurveillance-Surveillancedesoiseauxmorts.acia@inspection.gc.ca](mailto:cfia.ABDeadBirdSurveillance-Surveillancedesoiseauxmorts.acia@inspection.gc.ca),

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**Plastic Tote Cleaning Protocol**

Dear Producer:

The Avian Influenza virus is an enveloped virus that may be destroyed with a concentrated soap solution.

After the dead birds are sampled by CFIA, the birds, plastic bags and colored tape may be disposed of with the carcass remaining on farm. The tote bin is then to be washed thoroughly with a hot soapy solution, concentrated enough that it forms an abundance of suds. The tote bin should then be thoroughly rinsed. The water can be disposed of on farm property.

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