

## **New Infected Premises**

There have been new detections of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in British Columbia since our last industry update on November 10, 2023. The new detections are BC-IP-131 (broilers, Abbotsford), BC-IP-132 (breeders, Rosedale), BC-IP-133 (broilers and layers, Chilliwack) and BC-IP-134 (ducks, Chilliwack).

**Please continue to report any unusual or unexpected mortality to the CFIA's sick bird line. The phone number is 403.338.5225.**

## **Resources & Reference Materials**

### **Movement Permits**

Have a question about what permit you need? Visit the [permit page](#) on the CFIA website or call your commodity board.

### **Primary Control Zones (PCZs)**

Do you want to know how close you are to a Primary Control Zone? Use the CFIA's [PCZ page](#). Remember, if your farm is touched by a control zone, your premise would normally be considered to be included. Control zones are established around infected farms to ensure that the poultry within the zone remain healthy and free of HPAI and to control the spread of the disease.

### **Red Biosecurity Resources**

All poultry farms across British Columbia are extremely vulnerable to HPAI at this time. The best way to mitigate your risk is to ensure you're implementing all of the red biosecurity protocols at all times. Please refer to the [BC Poultry Biosecurity Program Reference Guide](#).

### **Take Care of Yourself**

All producers/growers are under a tremendous amount of stress right now. If you, or one of your colleagues, friends, or family members are feeling anxious or stressed, don't hesitate to visit the [AgSafe](#) mental health website. They have valuable resources that you may find helpful.

### **Dead Bird Surveillance (DBS)**

Please note, it will take a few days to get new zones established and DBS setup and running. If you are included in a control zone and require urgent movement permits, reach out to your commodity board, otherwise, please be patient while our teams work through the new zones.

CFIA staff responsible for taking samples have noted that the DBS bins at several premises have been turned over (indicating no dead birds inside) for an extended period of time. Please remember that all mortality from your flocks must be placed in the bins.

CFIA is now tracking participation and will notify the BC Poultry Association EOC if DBS bins are unused for an extended period of time. The BCPA will be reaching out to commodity boards to follow-up with non-compliant producers.

Please remember the following key elements of DBS:

1. All bins must be out. They are recorded for activity every time the samplers do their routes.
2. If a sub-premise (barn) is empty, please turn the associated bin over. CFIA samplers do not have access to production cycle information.
3. If a sub-premise (barn) did not have mortality to test, please turn the associated bin over.
4. If your premise (entire site, all barns) are currently empty (no birds on site), please put all the bins out and turn them over.
5. ALL mortality must be placed in the bin for sampling. Frozen birds must be thawed.

We urge all producers/growers to make a concerted effort to ensure we can keep the convenience of DBS over the Live Bird Surveillance option.