

New Infected Premises (IPs)

There have been no new IPs since the last update on December 14.

The EOC continues to communicate IP information to the allied trades to ensure they have up-to-date information to plan their movements and activities. Attached to this update you will find an IP status table.

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

Reduced DBS For the Holidays

There will be no dead bird sampling (DBS) on Christmas Day or Boxing Day, CFIA will take all the samples for movements on December 26 and 27 on the morning of December 24. This schedule change means that regular DBS that should have taken place on December 25 and 26 will now take place December 27 to January 1.

CFIA is conducting DBS on January 1, 2024, for that week's movements. Some samples may need to be individually scheduled if they do not get caught on the routes. Please ensure you are watching for CFIA to call between December 27 and January 1.

Movement Permit Denials

CFIA has prioritized farms in the 0-3 km zone for DBS. If you are in a 0-3 km zone, you must participate in DBS using your blue bins. CFIA has started to deny permits for processing birds as a result of irregular participation in DBS. CFIA can confirm your non-participation by cross-referencing your Flock Health Attestations with your DBS schedule. Please ensure you are regularly participating in DBS.

Farms in the 3-10 km zone ONLY need to provide DBS samples prior to any movements. These samples are required 24 hours before a movement is scheduled to take place. DBS bins will NOT be provided for this type of sampling. CFIA has requested that all mortality be placed in garbage bags and then put the bags in a 5-gallon bucket or other lidded container. CFIA staff know to look for these containers when conducting pre-movement sampling.

Recently DBS requirements have changed due to zone changes. Your board will contact you directly to inform you if you no longer require DBS. Please note, you may require surveillance before a movement, in that case CFIA will call and schedule you directly.

Happy Holidays!

The entire EOC wishes all our producers/growers a wonderful holiday season. We hope that you will be able to find some joy and peace with your family and friends despite the challenges Avian Influenza is throwing at us.

Resources & Reference Material

Articles below this point are included for easy reference and are static. All new information is included above this heading.

Take Care of Yourself

All producers/growers and their families 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.

Movement Permits

We ask all those applying for movement permits to please be diligent and timely with your applications. 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 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 currently. The best way to mitigate your risk is to ensure you're always implementing all the red biosecurity protocols. Please refer to the [BC Poultry Biosecurity Program Reference Guide](#).