

## **New Infected Premise in Chilliwack**

On November 2, 2023, the CFIA confirmed a new detection of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Chilliwack, BC. The new infected premise is a high-risk contact from one of the initial IPs in this wave of the outbreak and was identified through a call to the CFIA sick bird line.

The new case is identified as BC-IP-109. Zones are currently being reviewed and may be adjusted as required. Please check this site for [information on control zones](#).

For those with questions about moving poultry or poultry products, please [visit this site](#).

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

## **Progress Updates on Current Infected Premises**

Disposal pile capping has been confirmed as of October 31, 2023 on BC-IP-106 and November 2, 2023 on BC-IP-105. The remaining two premises are well into building their disposal piles and BHT plans are under review.

## **CFIA's National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) Activated**

CFIA has activated its NEOC to liaise with national producer groups. They will be circulating updates from the regions to these groups and working to address issues that come up through these associations. The Western Area EOC will continue to lead and direct the response in the western provinces for the foreseeable future, and work with NEOC for staffing and policy issues as they arise.

## **Dead Bird Surveillance Reminder**

CFIA continues to express some concerns about producer participation in Dead Bird Surveillance (DBS). DBS is done for the safety of all producers/growers so it is essential that all affected producers/growers participate.

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.

**The next industry update will be provided following new detections or completion of further milestones on current IPs. Producers are reminded that we are at red biosecurity and maintaining the highest standards of biosecurity is imperative at this time to protect your farm.**