

New Infected Premises in Abbotsford, Chilliwack, and Agassiz

On November 6, 2023, the CFIA confirmed new detections of Avian Influenza in Abbotsford, Chilliwack, and Agassiz. It has been an incredibly busy day with multiple other sites reporting to the CFIA's sick bird line. Confirmation of the Highly Pathogenic strain is pending results first thing Tuesday morning. Our deepest sympathies go out to the affected farmers, their families, and farm staff.

The new cases will be assigned an IP number once the strain testing results are determined and we will circulate an update from the EOC each day as they are assigned. Zones will be reviewed and implemented as required. Please check this site for [information on control zones](#). The CFIA destruction team is mobilizing for depopulation on the new IPs in the coming days. They are resourcing an additional team to support destruction activities this week and, at this time, gas supply is consistent. If we continue to see significant increases in detections, we will be engaging industry and provincial response partners to provide additional support to the response as required.

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

We understand that this update, along with recent cases place immense concern and stress on all our producers and industry partners. Please check in with each other when it is safe to do so and support one another. If you, or anyone you know, is struggling with the impacts of this event, please reach out and we can connect you with the appropriate resources to help you or you can get help directly from [AgSafe](#).

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

Destruction on BC-IP-111 was confirmed to be complete on November 5, 2023. Destruction activities took place today and will continue tomorrow on IP-110 until complete. As previously shared, disposal pile capping has been confirmed as of October 31, 2023 on BC-IP-106 and November 2, 2023 on BC-IP-105.

Dead Bird Surveillance Reminder

With the identification of new IPs and establishment of new control zones, a significant increase to the number of farms required to participate in dead bird surveillance is anticipated. Please be patient with our movement control team and CFIA staff as they will be working hard to get things up and running to ensure the safe and efficient movement of products to and from your farms.

For those already doing DBS, there continues to be some concerns about producer participation. 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 likely be provided tomorrow night when we have more specific details on the new 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. Please continue to report any unusual or unexpected mortality to the CFIA's sick bird line. The phone number is 403.338.5225.