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Avian Influenza Confirmed within the County of Stettler

On July 30 the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) confirmed the presence of Avian Influenza in a flock within the County of Stettler. With this information there has begun an investigation, established quarantine and implementation control protocols within the affected area. No specifics will be shared at this time.

Avian influenza, subtype H5N1, is highly pathogenic and is spreading in wild bird population across the globe and presents a significant national concern as birds migrate to Canada.

There are many resources and sources of information available on the CFIA website for poultry producers and for producers and owners of backyard flocks and pet birds. Maintaining strict biosecurity measures and being aware of early signs and symptoms of Avian Influenza is of the utmost importance no matter the size of the operation. Symptoms within flocks can include; lack of energy/appetite, decreased egg production, lack of coordination, coughing, gasping for air, diarrhea and sudden death.

Bird owners are legally responsible to notify authorities of suspected cases. CFIA has a sick bird line for any owners if they suspect Avian Influenza in their birds, 403-629-1728. Small flock owners may also call 310-FARM for more information.

The County of Stettler will provide updates for informational purposes for residents and producers as they become available. The County of Stettler is not otherwise directly involved in the process and any questions should be directed to the CFIA and their appointed spokespeople as the situation evolves.

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