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Uncle Sam Wants You!



WE WANT YOU!

Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has taken the Pacific Northwest and Midwestern states by storm. The disease spread rapidly in the months following initial detection. Although new cases has leveled off, it is likely that we will see an increase in new cases this fall as temperatures start to drop. USDA has tasked the National Animal Health Emergency Response Corps (NAHERC) to respond in kind. This type of animal emergency is exactly what NAHERC was built for. Our first group of deployed NAHERC members are current-

ly serving in Minnesota and Iowa. We are seeking more veterinarians and technicians to participate in the NAHERC response to this outbreak. Many NHERC members have already volunteered, but the need is great and we need more volunteers to send HPAI packing. Will you be a part of this tremendous response effort? Uncle Sam wants you! USDA needs you! Are you in?

Pass the word to friends and colleagues with animal science education or experience who might want to join NAHERC to assist with the current outbreak or future animal health emergencies.

Anyone meeting specified requirements can join NAHERC by applying on usajobs.gov. Search keyword NAHERC to find the Veterinary Medical Officer position and Animal Health Technician position.

Contact NAHERC Coordinators Daisy Witherspoon or Tom Cunningham to find out more about NAHERC and upcoming deployment opportunities.

Avian Influenza at a Glance

Avian Influenza has been detected four times in poultry in the United States: 1924, 1983, 2004 and Dec 2014 which continues today. In 1924, the outbreak was in the East Coast live bird markets. In 1983, the outbreak was contained and eradicated by disposing of approximately 17 million birds in Pennsylvania and Virginia. In 2004, the outbreak was among chickens in Texas and like in previous outbreaks it was quickly contained and eradicated. That brings us to the current outbreak, HPAI H5.

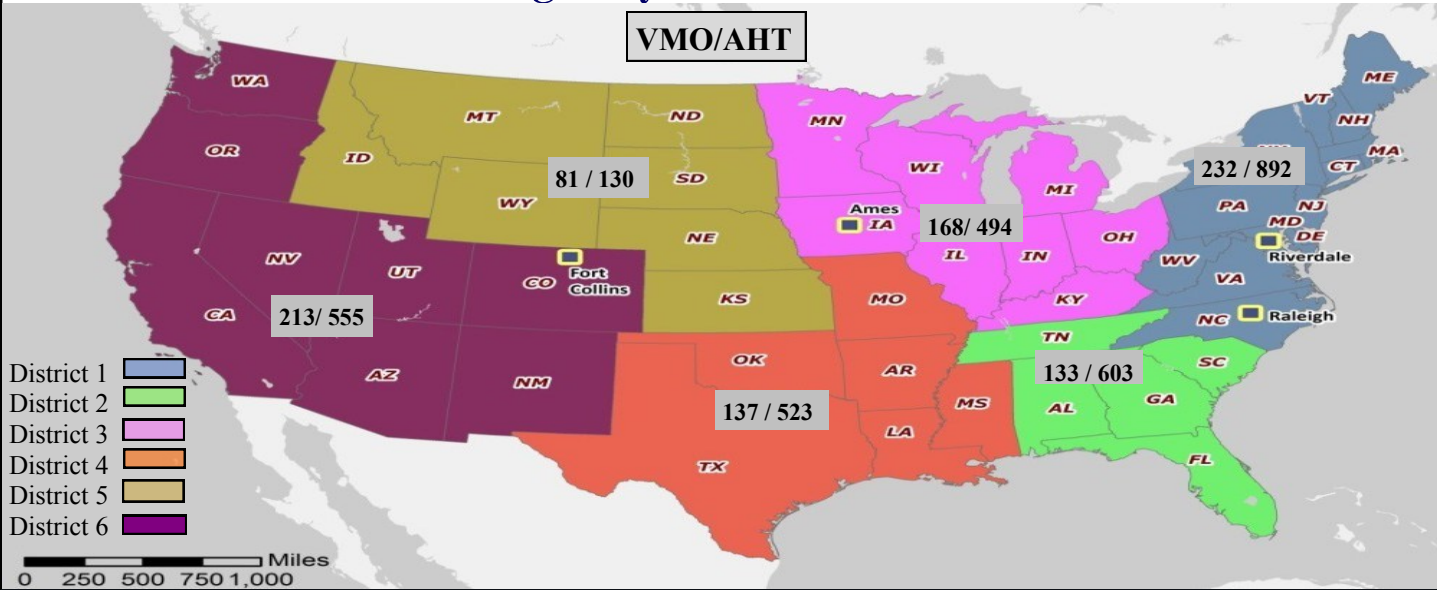
USDA is reporting HPAI infections in 20 states. These cases are in domestic poultry, backyard poultry, captive birds, wild birds and ducks. As of this writing, over 44 million birds have been affected. All birds showing signs of infection or seemingly healthy birds on an infected premises are humanely euthanized and disposed of properly. Several USDA Incident Management Team's (IMT) have deployed to the affected states to assist with depopulation, disposal of birds, cleaning and disinfection as well as a host of other tasks. A few NAHERC members are currently deployed to Minnesota and Iowa to work as Case Managers on affected premises.

[Click here](#) to visit the USDA, APHIS Avian Health page for additional information.

[Click here to subscribe to the VS Animal Health Stakeholder Registry](#). This link will also allow you to change or cancel your subscription if you're already a subscriber. The stakeholder registry is one of the mediums that USDA publishes information. You can choose to receive information via email or text to easily stay current on the HPAI outbreak and other pertinent information.

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NAHERC Strength by SPRS Districts June 2015



- District 1
- District 2
- District 3
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0 250 500 750 1,000 Miles

VMO	AHT	TOTAL	PA*
971	3207	4178	963
*Number of Members who have signed the Privacy Act Release Form (since May 2010)			

NAHERC Training Academy

The HPAI Incident Command Group in collaboration with employees at Fort Collins, created the NAHERC training academy in Ames, Iowa. NAHERC members will spend one week in Ames to attend the training academy. During the week, NAHERC members will do the following. This list is not all encompassing but is just to give a general idea of what takes place at the academy:

- Receive IT equipment , training on the equipment as well as set-up
- Federal Occupational Health exams as well as fit testing
- Biosecurity training; donning and doffing personal protective equipment
- Emergency Management Response System (EMRS) orientation and training



NAHERC Deployment

Thus far NAHERC Coordinators have completed and selected NAHERC members for 4 rounds of deployment. The goal is to have a combination of 20 Veterinarians and Technicians each round. We are currently recruiting for rounds 5, 6 and 7. Hire dates for those rounds are July 12th, July 26th and August 9th respectively. If you have not volunteered for any of those rounds but would like to, or if you have questions about how the deployment will work, please send an e-mail to us at NAHERC@aphis.usda.gov.

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 Iowa State University: <https://naherc.sws.iastate.edu>
 Foreign Animal Disease: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/fadprep>
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