



United States Department of Agriculture

# KEEP YOUR BIRDS HEALTHY



**1**  
**LOOK**  
for signs.



**2**  
**REPORT**  
sick birds.



**3**  
**PROTECT**  
your birds.

Animal and Plant Health  
Inspection Service

# BIOSECURITY FOR BIRDS

<http://healthybirds.aphis.usda.gov>

As a bird owner, keeping your birds healthy is a top priority. Your birds can become sick or die from exposure to just a few unseen bacteria, viruses, or parasites. Remember, you are the best protection your birds have!

## **Look for Signs**

Watch for signs of disease or unexpected deaths among your birds.

## **Report Sick Birds**

Do not wait to report unusual signs of disease or unexpected deaths in your flock. Contact your agricultural extension office/agent, local veterinarian, local animal health diagnostic laboratory, or the State veterinarian. Or, call USDA toll free at **1-866-536-7593**, and we'll put you in touch with a local contact.

## **Protect Your Birds**

Practice backyard biosecurity. Take a few simple steps. Clean and disinfect your shoes, clothes, and equipment. Wash your hands thoroughly. Keep other birds and people away from your birds. Keep new birds separate from the rest of your flock.