Stop Avian Influenza Outbreaks

**FIND** Detect, report, and confirm the disease

- See signs of illness.
- Contact USDA or your State veterinarian.
- USDA tests samples and confirms disease.

**RESPOND** Quarantine, depopulate, compensate, and dispose

- Only authorized workers are allowed in and out; movement of birds, poultry products, and equipment is restricted.
- Birds are destroyed usually within 24–48 hours of detecting the disease. USDA pays for birds that must be destroyed.
- USDA or your State can help you dispose of dead birds.

**RECOVER** Clean, test, and restock

- Thoroughly clean and disinfect the barn, equipment, and all affected areas; no poultry allowed for 14 days.
- USDA collects and tests environmental samples to confirm the virus has been eliminated from your farm.
- You can restock your birds when USDA and your State confirm the virus is gone. You can resume normal operations when State officials release your farm from quarantine.

**MAINTAIN BIOSECURITY** Keep the disease from coming back

Learn more about stopping avian influenza:
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