

## UPDATE

### Iraq – Arkansas AI Ban – Lifted

We have received information the Iraqi Ministry of Agriculture has lifted the AI Ban on poultry and poultry products from the State of Arkansas effective, September 16, 2013.

However, I would continue to encourage exporters of poultry products or products containing poultry to obtain a copy of a valid import permit, issued by the appropriate Iraqi Ministry, to confirm the import conditions and authorization for entry into Iraq.

### Iraq– Arkansas AI Ban

APHIS has received notification that the Iraq has placed a ban on the import of poultry and poultry products from the State of Arkansas.

APHIS is seeking additional information on the ban (e.g. scope). However, we understand the ban was implemented on 14 July 2013.

Until we are able to obtain more information, please recommend all U.S. exporters of poultry and poultry products to Iraq confirm their products will be permitted entry into the country **prior** to shipping.

I would also encourage exporters of poultry products or products containing poultry to obtain a copy of a valid import permit, issued by the appropriate Iraqi Ministry, to confirm the import conditions and authorization for entry into Iraq.