

HPAI Response

Appraisal and Indemnity Request

February 19, 2026

APPENDIX 2H–HPAI-AFFECTED BACKYARD FLOCK MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

For use in WOAHP Poultry or Non-Poultry flocks **with 500 birds or less** AND indemnity and compensation less than \$10,000.
Note: There is no compensation available for WOAHP non-poultry flocks.

Premises ID #: _____

State abbreviation, county, and site # _____

Premises owner _____

Address of premises _____

Bird owner _____

Address of bird owner _____

Phone number of bird owner _____

E-mail of bird owner _____

HPAI presumptive positive date _____

The State Animal Health Official (SAHO) or Tribal Official and APHIS Official determined that domesticated poultry on this premises are affected by highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). The domesticated poultry species listed below, that are under human control, may be depopulated and the eggs destroyed under the supervision of State and/or APHIS personnel. Indemnity for destroyed poultry and eggs affected by HPAI will be based on their fair market value, as determined by the current USDA Indemnity Table.

Domesticated poultry, bird species listed below:

- Domestic ducks, including captive mallards, Muscovy ducks and their hybrids (*Anas platyrhynchos*, *Carina moscata*)
- Domestic geese (*Anser anser domesticus*, *Anser cygnoides domesticus*)
- Domestic turkeys (*Meleagris gallopavo domesticus*)
- Domestic chickens (*Gallus gallus domesticus*)
- Guinea fowl (*Numida meleagris*)
- Indian peafowl (*Pavo cristatus*)
- Ring-necked pheasants raised for meat, other products, or release (*Phasianus colchicus*)
- Chukar or grey partridge raised for meat, other products, or release (*Alectoris chukar*, *Perdix perdix*)
- Common, Japanese, or bobwhite quail raised for meat, eggs, or release (*Coturnix coturnix*, *Coturnix japonica*, *Colinus virginianus*)
- Domestic pigeons raised for meat (*Columba livia domestica*)
- Ostriches raised for meat or other products (*Struthio camelus*)
- Emus raised for meat or other products (*Dromaius novaehollandiae*)
- Rheas raised for meat or other products (*Rhea americana*)

Poultry Owner – Please initial the statements below:

_____ I will not allow domesticated poultry to enter the premises for 120-days after the date I sign this document. I understand that the State quarantine or hold order may have additional requirements for quarantine and restocking my premises with domesticated poultry.

_____ I understand that the identified domesticated poultry on the premises will be depopulated in the most humane manner possible and under the supervision of a USDA veterinarian or designee.

For the poultry identified in the table below, I am (*please initial where applicable*):

_____ Requesting indemnity

OR

_____ Declining indemnity

If requesting indemnity, please initial to acknowledge the following statements:

_____ I agree to accept the fair market value of the birds and/or eggs, as determined by the USDA Indemnity Tables, according to the inventory below at the time this document is signed.

_____ I understand that I have the right to dispute the USDA valuation of the birds and/or eggs by notifying APHIS in writing within 15 days of signing this form. The APHIS Administrator has final authority for determining Federal indemnity payments. To notify APHIS and appeal the valuation, email avianindemnity@usda.gov.

Case Investigator (designated by the SAHO and APHIS Incident Command) – **Please mark one option:**

Management of Infected Premises:

_____ 120-day Quarantine

OR

_____ 120-day Quarantine with Cleaning & Disinfection of Selected Primary Poultry Housing:

NOTE THE FOLLOWING FOR WOAHP NON-POULTRY PREMISES:

- APHIS will not compensate for exposed feed that is destroyed
- APHIS will not compensate for depopulation and disposal costs incurred
- APHIS will not compensate for virus elimination costs incurred
- These are considered State and producer cost shares

NOTE: A Flock Plan is required for all WOAHP Poultry premises.

Domesticated Poultry to be depopulated:

Species	Type (e.g., breeders, broilers, or layers; show bird)	Sex	Age	Number
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Poultry Owner:

Print Name

Signature

Date

Case Investigator:

Print Name

Signature

Date