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DISTRIBUTION OF AVIAN INFLUENZA FLYWAY REPORTS TO TECHNICAL COMMUNITIES

The fifth year of surveillance for highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) concluded on March 31, 2011. Sampling was disrupted midway through the year when significantly less funding than expected was provided for HPAI surveillance. Wildlife Services' employees discontinued sampling on September 30, 2010. However, State Wildlife Agencies continued to sample through the end of the biological year (March 31). Despite the adjustment to sampling midway through the biological year, the effort was still successful in establishing that the U.S. was free of HPAI, generating new information about avian influenza viruses circulating in waterfowl in the U.S., and in fostering cooperative relationships between wildlife agencies.

Annual reports of the surveillance that had been conducted in each flyway during the biological year (April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011) were generated and distributed to the flyway technical committee chairs for distribution to the other mem-



bers of the committee. The flyway reports are meant to provide an update of the surveillance at a national level while summarizing information relevant to each of the Flyway Committees. A separate report was created for each flyway with national level counts of birds sampled and more specific details



for the targeted individual flyway. The report summarized the number of samples collected in each flyway as well as more flyway-specific maps and charts of the percentage of samples collected by functional group and collection strategy. Information on the testing process and a summary of the results was also included. The results summary includes the

number of samples testing matrix positive, LPAI H5 and H7 positive and the species identified as LPAI H5 or H7 positive.

While lack of funding has prevented surveillance for HPAI from being continued, hopefully the cooperative relationships developed during this unprecedented effort will help unite the wildlife community to respond to any future disease outbreaks with a wildlife component.

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