



# POULTRY BIOSECURITY AWARENESS

## Recent Wild Bird Detection:

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia, United States.

## Threat to Virginia Poultry

The virus is carried by migratory birds and could spread to other wild birds and domestic fowl.

## Treatment of HPAI

None, the response to a positive test is to eradicate the flock in an attempt to slow the movement of the virus.

## Warning signs of HPAI:

- Sudden mortality
- Reduced feed intake
- Reduced egg production
- misshapen eggs
- Swelling of face and hocks
- Sneezing, coughing, nasal discharge

## Prevention Methods:

- Raise birds without wild bird contact, including inside or under cover.
- Feed and water birds inside and under cover
- Do not allow poultry access to ponds/wetlands
- Use designated equipment/clothing when handling flock

Contact the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at **804-786-2483** to report sudden unexplained mortality or visit their website for more information at <http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/animals/avian.shtml>

