

BC Poultry Emergency Response Team

Industry Update

Date: February 4, 2015

Time: 3:00 pm

Event: Avian Influenza 2014

Red font denotes new information.

Event Overview

- NC02 - a backyard laying hen flock in the 46000 block of Prairie Central Road in Chilliwack has tested positive for H5. There are two broiler operations within 1 km of this farm.
- IP 3-4-5-6-8-9 C&Ds have been signed off
- CFIA had noticed that certain producers do not fill the Flock Health Questionnaire correctly and omit certain sections entirely. Producers must answer all the question of the questionnaire to help CFIA in its evaluation and to avoid any delays.
- CFIA received a few permit request for movement for slaughter with only one week of flock sheet reporting. Producers need to provide CFIA with a flock sheet every week.
- Starting this Sunday February 8, 2015, the permit office will be closed on Sundays; the office hours will be Monday to Saturday from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. Someone will still be monitoring the sick bird line through the day and respond if necessary. Please note that the permit request should be send at least 72 hours in advance in order to avoid any delays in the issuance of the permit.
- H5N8 was found in a commercial turkey operation (146,000 birds) in Stanislaus County in California. A 5,000 game bird (ducks, geese, chickens, pheasants and turkeys) operation just south of Osoyoos in Washington State has tested positive.
- The H7N9 human contraction has spread to that individual's spouse.
- The CFIA is amending import measures to protect the Canadian poultry industry from outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza reported in poultry in California, Idaho, Oregon and in the State of Washington, United States of America. Poultry, birds (including pet birds) and all unprocessed poultry products (including eggs) and by-products, including raw pet foods are prohibited when originating:
 - from the quarantine zones (QZ) from States of Idaho and Oregon;
 - from the entire State of Washington ; and
 - from the entire State of California.
- Producers have until April of 2015 to register for the Agri-Stability program year.
- Free counseling services are available for anyone affected through provincial disaster support services. The contact is Heleen Sandvik and she can be reached at 604-375-3487 (cell).

CFIA contact information

- | | |
|--|--|
| • To report sick birds: | 604 557-4528 |
| • Movement Permits and Licenses | 604-557-4522 |
| • E-mail for flock health reports: | BC_NAI_Flockreporting@inspection.gc.ca |
| • E-mail contact to ask for a permit: | BC_NAI_Movement@inspection.gc.ca |
| • To report missing bins: | BC_NAI_Diagnostics@inspection.gc.ca |
| • CFIA AI website - information & permits: | http://inspection.gc.ca/ai |

Event Chronology

December 1, 2014 – IP 1-2 identified and quarantined by CFIA

December 2, 2014 – Two high risk contacts identified, resulting in two additional premises being quarantined. Industry voluntarily restricted movement and began sampling all farms moving product out of the industry standard 3km zones. CFIA had not yet established control zones.

December 3, 2014 – No additional news

December 4, 2014 – Virus confirmed as highly pathogenic H5N2. The two high risk contacts have been confirmed positive for H5. H5 positive turkeys were euthanized.

December 5, 2014 – Initial H5 positive breeder flock was euthanized. All farms within 3 km of an infected premise were issued quarantine notices. Dead bird surveillance commenced in the 1km zone.

December 5, 2014 – A fifth suspect farm in the Aldergrove/Abbotsford area.

December 7, 2014 – AI confirmed on IP5.

December 8, 9, 2014 – no additional news.

December 10, 2014 – three new cases confirmed

December 11, 2014 – a ninth farm in a new area has been identified

December 12, 13, 2014 – no additional news.

December 14, 2014 – IP10 confirmed in the Aldergrove/Abbotsford area

December 15, 16, 17, 2014 - no additional news

December 18, 2014 – IP11 confirmed in the Langley/Aldergrove area

December 19, 2014 – no additional news

December 20, 2014 – IP NC 01 identified in North Aldergrove. New conditions for pullet movement.

December 21, 2014 – no industry report issued.

December 22-31, 2014 – no additional news.

January 1 – February 1, 2015 - no additional news.

February 2, 2015 – IP NC 02 confirmed in Chilliwack

February 3-4, 2015 – no additional news

Biosecurity & Premise ID Numbers

- **Bio-security has never been more important.** It is the first step to preventing the spread of the disease. We are just now entering the traditional start of avian flu season – do not lower your biosecurity precautions and standards. Biosecurity is your only defence against AI.
- **Access to pressurized water for trucks.** Biosecurity protocols state that farms must have pressurized water at the edge of their control zone. Producers must wash the undercarriage and wheels on all vehicles leaving the farm. This includes the farmers' own trucks and cars. **Note that this washing is the responsibility of the producer not the truck driver.** With the temperatures dropping this week; farmers should disconnect the hose and bring it into the barn so it doesn't freeze solid. Communicate with your feed representative to see when the feed truck is expected so you can be there to wash the truck as per your biosecurity responsibilities.
- When communicating with your hatchery, processor and CFIA, please use your premise id numbers. If you are not sure what your number is, please look at the signs on your barns. These numbers were created in order to easily identify farms in an emergency situation. These are the numbers that CFIA and the Ministry of Agriculture will be using to track any samples obtained on farm.

Prepared By: Christine Koch, BCPA