

BC Poultry Emergency Response Team

Industry Update

Date: March 4, 2015-**revised** **Time:** 3:00 PM

Event: Avian Influenza 2014

Red font denotes new information.

Event Overview

- IP 10 passed their C&D on March 3; they will be under the 21 day quarantine until March 25. A few other IPs are also still under quarantine
- ~~The 90 day clock started ticking today—March 4, 2015~~
- **Revision:**
 - **The CFIA has clarified that the 90 day clock does not start until the control zones have been removed.**
- The main focus going forward is CFIA's post outbreak surveillance (POS) as mandated by OIE. **The POS is not optional.** The CFIA is required to test 270 poultry flocks throughout BC. For chickens (meat, breeder or layer), the birds must be at least 70 days old when sampled and for turkeys, the birds need to be at least 50 days old. If your flock meets that criteria and has been selected for sampling, CFIA will contact you and either a private veterinarian or a CFIA veterinarian will attend your farm, well in advance of your ship date to collect the samples. Please contact the Board Office if you have any further questions.
- As of February 25, 2015 dead bird surveillance (DBS) and fecal swabs will not be required as part of outbreak surveillance. This applies to all sectors (chickens, turkeys, ducks, and geese). CFIA will not be picking up the bins; please clean and store them for now.
- All premises located in the Restricted Zone (RZ) are still required to submit a flock health questionnaire (FHQ) once per week.
- We are still in early part of flu season – farms continue to be very vulnerable for several more months – don't get complacent; the birds will be passing over Fraser Valley farms again on their way north
- As of February 20, 2015 changes to manure/litter movement:
 - within the Primary Control Zone (PCZ) - manure can now be moved under a General Permit
 - from the PCZ to the Free Zone (FZ) - this movement remains Prohibited
 - NOTE: Fully composted manure can be moved from the PCZ to the FZ with a specific permit. The owner must provide proof the manure has been fully composted (time - temperature).
 - If you have any further questions you can contact Permits at 604-557-4522.
- The Ministry of Agriculture lab continues to be on standby; wild bird surveillance is on-going.
- **Outside BC:** A commercial chicken and duck operation with 114,000 birds in Kings County, California tested positive for the H5N8. Highly pathogenic avian influenza has been detected in a backyard poultry flock of around 90 birds in Deschutes County, Oregon.
- This will be the last scheduled EOC meeting; the next meeting is expected to be held sometime in April and will focus on recapping the event
- 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

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| • 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.

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

December 7, 2014 – AI confirmed on IP5.

December 10, 2014 – three new cases confirmed

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

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

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

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

February 2, 2015 – IP NC 02 confirmed in Chilliwack

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.

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