



Avian Influenza

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus has been detected in wild birds and small flocks all across Canada. The 2022 outbreak is the largest ever seen in Canada - the toll on birds, and the human resource, financial, and emotional burden on people, has been immense. Below is information for backyard flock owners to help identify and contain the spread of this disease in Canada.

What Al Is

A viral infection that affects

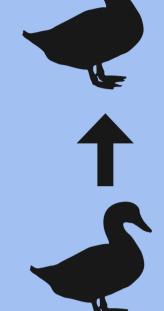
How Al Spreads Transmitted from bird to bird



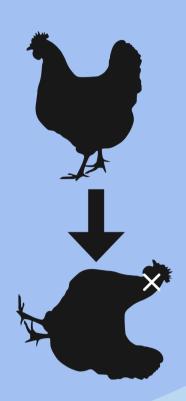




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Wild birds can carry the virus without appearing sick, while domestic birds can become ill and die

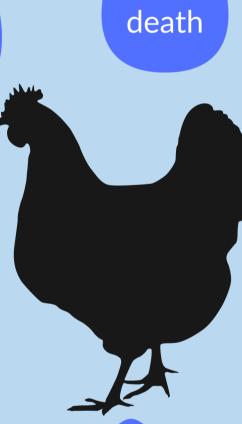


How to Recognize Al



Nasal discharge, sneezing, or coughing





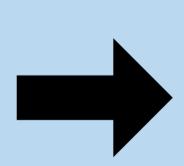
Trouble

walking

Sudden

Swelling around the head, neck, and eyes

Drop in egg production



If you see these signs - Call your vet!

How to prevent Al



Identify a veterinarian to look over your flock's health



Keep birds, their water and food away from wild birds



Frequently clean poultry coops, waterers, feeders, your clothing, hands and boots



Change your footwear before and after contact with your flock, and ensure visitors do the same



Do not come into contact with other birds or flocks, Avoid bird shows or swaps



Limit visitors to your farm. Keep a visitors logbook of anyone coming onto your farm or property.

For more information, visit www.poultryindustrycouncil.ca/resources/biosecurity-and-disease