

Fact Sheet: Important Reminders for Professional Agronomists Serving Michigan Livestock Farms

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) has been identified in dairy cattle and poultry flocks in Michigan. This disease is especially devastating for poultry flocks.

By state emergency order, livestock and poultry farms are required to take several biosecurity steps, including establishing a clean/dirty line of separation, ensuring cleaning and disinfecting when traveling over the line, and maintaining a log of travel over it. When you encounter these or any other biosecurity steps at farms, be sure to follow them!

As you work with Michigan farmers, you can help them ensure biosecurity. Here are steps you can take:

Communicate with Your Customer. Communication goes a long way. Call ahead to learn what rules are in place at your destination. Follow these rules. Schedule meetings and do not make unscheduled visits to farms.

Limit movement on-farm and avoid livestock facilities. Limit any on-farm visits to those absolutely necessary, and do not enter or approach livestock facilities.

Keep your clothing and equipment clean.

- After visits to livestock farms – even if only working on crop production – disinfect and wipe down truck cabs, pedals, floorboards, etc. using an agent registered by the EPA and labeled as effective against Avian Influenza A.
- Disinfect hands regularly.
- Use boot and tire wash apparatus wherever available.
- Limit travel between farms with different livestock species.

You can help after the work day!

- Launder work wear and clean footwear after every shift.
- To the extent practical, limit interactions with those working with livestock.
- Do not unnecessarily interact with any livestock.

Your actions make a difference and help Michigan farmers. To view updates from the Michigan industry, state and federal government, visit:

www.miagbiz.org/HPAI