

The mission of the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Animal Health is to ensure the public health, safety and welfare of Kansas' citizens through prevention, control and eradication of infectious and contagious disease and conditions affecting the health of livestock and domestic animals in the State of Kansas

The Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Animal Health has issued a stop movement order to protect the Kansas poultry industry and promote stronger biosecurity practices. With this, the commingling of poultry and live birds has been banned through December 2015 in effort to prevent the spread of H5N2 avian influenza (HPAI).

STOP MOVEMENT ORDER

All events involving commingling of poultry and live birds have been effectively cancelled, including, but not limited to:

- Regional and county fairs
- Festivals
- Kansas State Fair
- Swap meets
- Exotic sales
- Live bird auctions

H5N2 AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI)

Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) is a highly contagious viral disease to domestic poultry that can be easily spread through feces, saliva and respiratory secretions. Symptoms of HPAI include:

- Sudden increase in bird deaths in flock
- Sneezing, coughing, gasping for air or nasal discharge
- Watery and green diarrhea
- Lack of energy and poor appetite
- Drop in egg production or change in shell thickness or shape
- Purple discoloration of wattles, combs or legs

For more information regarding HPAI, visit:
www.agriculture.ks.gov/avianinfluenza.

WHO CAN I CONTACT?

If you suspect any problems or see sickness in birds, please contact the KDA's Division of Animal Health at (785) 564-6601 or email HPAI@kda.ks.gov.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is included in the ban?

The order bans the commingling of poultry flocks at all poultry-related events, exhibitions and auctions through December, 31 2015. Such events include regional and county fairs, festivals, the Kansas State Fair, swap meets, exotic sales and live bird auctions.

Can I still sell through private treaty off my farm?

Yes, as long as you sell the birds from your property and do not bring them to a sale where they are in contact with another flock.

If I have eggs hatching can I sell the chicks?

Yes, you may sell them as long as they are sold without commingling with other birds.

Can our local co-op or farm store continue to sell retail chicks?

Yes, since the birds are already together, they are considered a single flock and may continue to be sold.

How does this affect interstate travel?

If a Kansas bird is entering another state, you will need to call the state of destination to determine their import requirements. If a bird is coming into Kansas, Kansas import requirements will need to be followed. Kansas import requirements have not changed and can be found online at:

www.agriculture.ks.gov/ahimports.

My child was excited to exhibit poultry at the fair, what can they do now?

K-State Research and Extension and Kansas 4-H, along with the Kansas State Fair, are working to provide options for youth to showcase their poultry projects at fairs without having birds present.