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FSIS NOTICE

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HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA ALERT

Due to recent confirmed cases of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in the U.S., FSIS is issuing this FSIS Notice to serve as an official alert and notification for Inspection Program Personnel (IPP) in poultry slaughter establishments to implement the instructions found in [FSIS Directive 6020.1](#), *Enhanced Inspection of Poultry in Response to a Notification of a Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Outbreak*. This alert will remain in effect until FSIS sends further notification to IPP that the threat of HPAI is no longer in effect.

When IPP perform ante-mortem inspection on flocks that moved to slaughter from an HPAI control zone, they are to verify that APHIS issued or signed a permit for movement of restricted animals. This permit may be APHIS VS Form 1-27 or a State permit that is signed by an APHIS or State official. APHIS must give permission prior to moving the flock from a control zone. The permit indicates that the flock has the required approval to move.

If you see signs of HPAI, it is most important that you contact the District Office as soon as possible.



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