

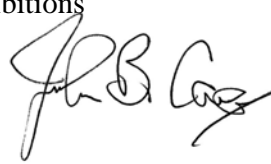
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TO: Persons Involved with Poultry Shows and Exhibitions

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SUBJECT: Appropriate procedures concerning biosecurity

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In light of the recent discovery of highly pathogenic avian influenza in Texas, the following guidelines are recommended for persons conducting poultry shows and exhibitions. Bear in mind that the situation remains under investigation and that continuing surveillance may bring new information to light that could significantly change these recommendations.

1. Stay informed – Keep current on information provided from the Texas Animal Health Commission at www.tahc.state.tx.us or by contacting Carla Everett at 1-800-550-8242, ext. 710, or ceverett@tahc.state.tx.us
2. Follow all Texas Animal Health Commission directives regarding movement restrictions on poultry. At present this only involves persons located in close proximity to the affected premises.
3. If feasible, consider postponing or canceling events. The safest thing to do is to avoid congregations of poultry and poultry-related materials. However, this may not be feasible for market poultry shows and the remaining guidelines should be followed to assure as safe an event as practical.
4. Report any incidence of abnormal mortality or sickness in birds to the Texas Animal Health Commission 1-800-550-8242. Do not transport sick birds to any events.
6. At terminal shows, transport all birds in one-way disposable coops – do not carry any equipment off the show grounds that has not been thoroughly sanitized prior to transport keep equipment that has been to the show in isolation from all other poultry for at least 2 weeks.
7. At non-terminal shows, immediately process all poultry upon returning to your facilities. If this is not feasible, keep poultry and equipment that has been to the show in isolation from all other poultry for at least 2 weeks. Do not distribute, sale or give away poultry that have been to the show to other individuals for at least 2 weeks.
8. Avoid all personal contact with commercial or other poultry for at least 48 hours following return from the event. Shower and use a complete change of clothing and footwear prior to any contact with other poultry.