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Avian Influenza Fact Sheet

- HPAI **DOES NOT** pose a risk to the food supply. No affected animals entered the food chain. The risk of human infection with avian influenza during poultry outbreaks is very low.
- During this time, backyard flock owners in Alabama should refrain from moving birds offsite or introducing new birds.
- Both commercial poultry producers and backyard flock owners should observe their birds closely and practice strict biosecurity measures. These include:
 - Isolating birds from other animals
 - Wearing clothing designated for use only at the poultry house
 - Minimizing access to people and unsanitized equipment
 - Keeping the area around the poultry buildings clean and uninviting to wild birds and animals
 - Sanitizing the facility between flocks
 - Cleaning equipment entering and leaving the farm
 - Having an all in, all out policy regarding the placement and removal of the poultry
 - Properly disposing of bedding material and mortalities
 - Avoiding contact with migratory waterfowl
- The Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries Poultry Division is available to answer any questions and should be notified at 334-240-6584 if birds show unusual signs of disease or flocks experience unexplained mortalities. The Alabama Cooperative Extension System has created a website to assist backyard flock owners and provide answers for Avian Influenza control. It can be found at www.AlabamaAvianInfluenza.com