



Minnesota Department of Public Safety
Division of Homeland Security and
Emergency Management



2015-MN-004: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

Situation Report

Subject: 2015-MN-004: HPAI Monitoring Situation Report #42

Reporting Period: 06/09/2015 13:00 - 06/10/2015 12:59

Operations Section Chief

Agency Summary

As of June 10th, a total of 39 counties have been impacted.

HSEM/SEOC Staff have been actively collaborating with partner agencies and county emergency management staff.

- The SEOC is at "*Activation Level III - Partial Activation*" in response to the HPAI outbreak.
- SEOC Staff monitored the daily MDA Briefing conference call.
- DisasterLAN continues to be updated frequently with the latest news, fact sheets and other information for situational awareness.

Weather Summary for June 11-12

Heavy rain is expected Thursday and Thursday night, with 2 to 4 inches of rain expected and isolated locations seeing 6+ inches. The main area threatened is south of a line from about Redwood Falls to Lakeville to River Falls WI, with the heaviest rain expected near the I-90 corridor.

Stay updated on the latest forecasts and river levels at weather.gov/mpx

Planning Section Chief

Agency Summary

- Developed and distributed the Planning Section Daily Update.
- Attended USDA conference calls.
- Compiled and published the daily Incident Action Plan (IAP) on Tuesday, June 9 and Wednesday, June 10.

MN Department of Agriculture

Agency Summary

The MN Department of Agriculture (MDA) is operating under a Unified Command with the MN Board of Animal Health and the USDA-APHIS-Veterinary Services. The MDA is conducting these activities as part of the response to the HPAI incident:

- Represent the State of Minnesota on the Unified Command
- Manage the state-federal fiscal response and state cooperative agreement
- Order, organize, deploy, and track equipment, supplies, and human resources
- Build daily Incident Action Reports, lead, and participate in daily planning activities
- Manage data generated by the incident and lead entry into the EMRS database
- Provide maps and GIS resources relevant to the incident
- Participate in environmental sampling on infected premises
- Direct and record euthanasia activities on infected premises
- Act as liaison between incident personnel and the poultry industry
- Contribute to the public information officer pool to manage communications
- Set overall safety objectives

MN Department of Transportation

Agency Summary

- MnDOT continues to monitor the event for any requests or questions directed to the department.

MN Pollution Control Agency

Agency Summary

- MPCA is investigating disposal options for waste from layer facilities
- MPCA continues to monitor and support operations and provide assistance when requested.

SEOC Planning Section

Weather

Five Day Forecast: Minnesota - Kandiyohi (KMPX)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				
50%	90%		20%	20%
Chance of Rain Showers	Definitely Thunderstorms	Clear	Slight Chance of Thunderstorms	Slight Chance of Thunderstorms
79 F / 26 C 60 F / 15 C	67 F / 19 C 56 F / 13 C	74 F / 23 C 55 F / 12 C	74 F / 23 C 59 F / 15 C	75 F / 23 C 61 F / 16 C

HPAI RESPONSE AND RECOVERY SUMMARY 2015

June 10, 2015

STATE/FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO HPAI IMPACTED INDIVIDUALS			
Agency	Program	Eligible Activities	Ineligible Activities
USDA		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field activities on the infected premises, Depopulation, cleaning/disinfection, composting, and other activities to bring the farmer to a point of repopulation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Production losses, State employee salaries, Associated business losses
MDA	Disaster Recovery Loan Program	<p>The funds are available to farmers for expenses not covered by insurance. The funds can be used to replace flocks, make building improvements, or obtain an operating line of credit if losses or damages are a result of the confirmed presence of HPAI in a commercial poultry flock.</p> <p>This is a loan participation program available through the Rural Finance Authority (RFA). Farmers will work through their local lender. Upon completion of an application, the lender will apply for RFA participation.</p>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Costs associated with the HPAI response. 	
BAH		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Costs associated with the HPAI response. 	
DPS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorized use of the Disaster Contingency Account for HPAI emergency response activities (FEMA Public Assistance Cat B) 	

STATE AGENCY RESPONSE ACTIVITIES	
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<p>Minnesota Department of Health</p> <p>MDH Behavioral Health Medical Reserve Corps Response Actions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4/28/2015 Sent 150 of the Self-Care Flip books and biodots to the Wilmar EOC. • 5/1/2015 We provided handouts (Responder self-care, psychological First Aid (PFA), When Something Terrible Happens, Talking to Children, Dealing with Financial Stress, and the Disaster Distress Helpline card and brochure) to Stearns and Kandiyohi Counties and offered assistance to Meeker. • 5/6/2015 Provided the Wilmar EOC with 500 laminated copies of the Disaster Distress Helpline card. • 5/14/2015 Deployed Behavioral Health Medical Response Corps (MRC) volunteers to Stearns County to provide two (2) Psychological First Aid trainings for Stearns County staff. • 5/20/2015 – Provided 50 of the Self-Care flip books and biodots to the Freeman building EOC. • 6/2/2015 – Deployed Behavioral Health MRC volunteers to Stearns County to provide three (3) Just-in-Time Psychological First Aid trainings and to staff a booth and talk with community members on stress management. They provided stress management handouts, adult and youth PFA cards and stress balls.
<p>Minnesota Department of Natural Resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DNR is asking the public to send them any agency reports of sick or dead waterfowl, wild turkeys or birds of prey. The agency will test any of suspect birds for the virus. • To date, DNR has collected 81 total sick/dead wild bird samples. Test Results HPAI Positive: 1 (Cooper's Hawk, Yellow Medicine County); Negative: 74; Pending: 6 • DNR has collected 3,138 waterfowl fecal samples from lands near infected flocks and from control sites (major waterfowl production areas without known infection). Test Results HPAI Positive: 0; LPAI Positive: 100; Negative: 3038; Pending: 0 • Wild turkeys harvested near HPAI infected areas are being tested. To date, 84 hunter harvested wild turkey samples have been submitted for testing. Results HPAI Positive: 0; Negative: 81; Pending: 3 • DNR is testing waterfowl that are live-captured and banded for exposure to HPAI. To date, 9 samples have been collected. All test results are negative. • Public information is available at http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/avianinfluenza/

STATE AGENCY RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

- MPCA is distributing a letter to the County Feedlot Officers regarding compost.
- MPCA completed the summary of response activities as requested.
- MPCA continues to monitor and support operations and provide assistance when requested.
- Provided on-call staff for after-hours questions
- Review BAH MOU and regulatory authority for MPCA during this incident
- Provided upon request to the ICP the following assistance:
 - Carbon sources: where can they find more
 - Fact sheets on composting outdoors
 - Compost land application and guidelines for their reference.
 - Options for incineration of finished or partially finished compost to avoid stockpiling (this was not done)
 - Guidelines for stockpiling finished compost
 - What is the permitted feedstock for Fibromin, and can they or will they take compost? (this was also not done)
 - Determined and passed along details on least burdensome and safest on-site disposal of disinfection related wastewater
 - Provided options for the disposal of vitamins, medicines and other chemicals.
 - Quickly responded with closest disposal locations to chicken layer operations in Renville and Le Sueur
 - Responded to numerous questions about disposal of solid, demolition and other wastes from farms
- Provided guidance to haulers regarding safe pickup of solid waste from farms
- Determined regulatory status of bird flu infected wastes
- Generated a letter to landfills and incinerators to encourage and promote acceptance of decontaminated materials
- Generated letter of no action for on-site burning of non-decontaminated wastes at Michael Foods egg production facility, Le Sueur
- Discussing use of MPCA managed closed landfills for disposal, composting, storage, burial and other options (awaiting a legal ruling on this)
- Memo was drafted and sent to MDA to provide our preferred disposal methods for compost from farms
- Answered many questions and coordinated flow of information for County Feedlot Officers
- Reviewed letter from Renville Co. Landfill regarding acceptance

	<p>of decontaminated waste from producer in Renville County.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinated a compost pile complaint with county feedlot staff • Coordinated with staff in Iowa, Wisconsin to find out what they have done, and provide insight into disposal questions on both ends. • Tracked down and reviewed information on foam used for depopulation to ensure there would be no future concerns with PFCs, foams appear from SDS documentation provided by ICP to be free of PFCs.
Minnesota Department of Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide water tankers to support depopulation activities • Support state EOC activities
Department of Employment and Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with Jennie-O Turkey Store concerning the layoffs and will continue to provide support to separated employees. • Establishing informational meetings for impacted workers. All known impacted workers will receive notice of these meetings and are welcome to attend. There will be information about Unemployment Insurance and the Dislocated Worker program, and an opportunity to enroll in the Dislocated Worker program to receive customized services which may include job search assistance, counselor-approved training, and related support. • Impacted employees can call DEED's Dislocated Worker Rapid Response toll free number with questions at 8662131422 or online at mn.gov/deed/dw. • Providing unemployment assistance through the state unemployment insurance program.

UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS

Business Category	4th Quarter 2014	March-June 2014	March-June 2015	Departure
Turkey Production	624	12	14	16.7%
Poultry Hatchers	349	13	6	-53.8%
Poultry Processing	7323	1506	2227	47.9%
Poultry and Poultry Product Merchant Wholesalers	1034	60	36	-40.0%
Broilers and other Meat Type Chicken Production	269	7	7	0.0%
Chicken Egg Production	470	42	18	-57.1%
TOTAL		1640	2308	40.7%

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