



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



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**2015-MN-004: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza**

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**Situation Report**

**Subject:** 2015-MN-004: HPAI Monitoring Situation Report #28

**Reporting Period:** 05/18/2015 13:00 - 05/19/2015 12:59

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**Operations Section Chief**

*Agency Summary*

As of May 19th, a total of 39 counties have been identified with 85 HPAI positive premises.

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

- Governor Dayton has extended the Governor's Executive Order 15-09, "Declaring a State of Peacetime Emergency in the State of Minnesota," for 30 days from April 28, 2015.
- The State Agency Briefing was held at 0900 hours via teleconference.
- The SEOC continues to be at Activation Level II - Full Activation in response to the HPAI outbreak.
- SEOC Staff monitored the MDA Briefing conference call.
- Logistics Section staff provided resource support to county Emergency Managers.
- DisasterLAN continues to be updated frequently with the latest news, fact sheets and other information for situational awareness.

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**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 Incident Command Post is currently located at 625 Robert Street North (Freeman Bldg.), St. Paul, MN. Other staff are located at a post in Willmar, MN.
- MDA is working in conjunction with the USDA Incident Management Team and assisting with communications, permitting, composting, and many other field operations associated with the incident.

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**MN Department of Education**

*Agency Summary*

- MDE continues to monitor the incident through DLAN and call in briefings.

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## **MN Department of Health**

## *Agency Summary*

### **Monitoring Data as of 5-19-2015:**

MDH has followed up completely on 84 flocks, meaning that all poultry personnel on the farm have been interviewed and evaluated; MDH has started the process for an additional 4 flocks.

- o We are currently monitoring 34 poultry personnel for development of an eye infection or respiratory symptoms: cough, fever, sore throat, runny nose
- o In total from March 4 - May 19, 329 people involved in care of 84 flocks have been interviewed and evaluated
- o 165 of the 329 people were advised to start taking antiviral medications as a precautionary measure, and 116 agreed to take Tamiflu. MDH facilitated getting the prescriptions for the workers by working with the company occupational health departments or the health care providers for those individuals.
- o MDH follow-up and monitoring for 10 days has been completed for 295 people associated with 79 flocks.
- o We have sample 15 people with cold symptoms, but have not identified any infections with this virus.

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## **MN Department of Natural Resources**

## *Agency Summary*

- 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 71 total sick/dead wild bird cases. Results - HPAI Positive: 1 (Cooper's Hawk, Yellow Medicine County); Negative: 43; Pending: 27
- DNR is collecting environmental samples from lands near infected flocks and from control sites (major waterfowl production areas without known infection). A DNR wild bird surveillance plan is available.
- To date, DNR has collected a total of 3,138 fecal samples from wild waterfowl.
- Environmental Sample Results - HPAI Positive: 0; LPAI Positive: 100; Negative: 3038; Pending: 0
- Hunter-harvested wild turkeys near HPAI infected areas are being tested. The DNR is advising turkey hunters to take standard precautions when handling and cooking wild birds.
- To date, 83 hunter harvested wild turkey samples have been submitted for testing. Results - HPAI Positive: 0; Negative: 71; Pending: 12
- DNR is testing waterfowl that are live-captured and banded for exposure to HPAI. To date, 9 samples have been collected. All results are pending.
- Public information is available at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/avianinfluenza/>

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## **MN Department of Transportation**

## *Agency Summary*

- MnDOT is researching availability of staff to assist with a SEOC request to provide staff to work in Willmar.
- MnDOT continues to monitor the event for any requests or questions directed to the department.

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**MN National Guard***Agency Summary*

- Minnesota National Guard is maintaining situational awareness on DLAN
- Reach back is with SFC Scott Galeazzi for any National Guard request in the SEOC.
- Currently staffing Finance/Admin request for staff availability

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**MN Pollution Control Agency***Agency Summary*

- MPCA continues to investigate options for compost disposal.
- MPCA continues to investigate any and all options for carcass disposal.