

Information Sheet: CO Secure Egg Supply Plan

A Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Preparedness and Continuity of Business Plan

Background:

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) is a highly contagious foreign animal disease of birds. While other species are susceptible, this plan is focused on poultry. Between December 2014 and June 2015, the United States experienced its worst HPAI outbreak, and most serious animal health disease incident in history. This outbreak caused significant disruptions in all poultry, especially the egg supply across the nation.

In the event of a HPAI outbreak in the U.S., a national animal health emergency will be declared and the egg industry will feel the immediate impacts of animal quarantine, increased testing, and animal and egg product movement restrictions. This could result in significant interruptions of egg and egg products to consumers, as well as create significant egg disposal and animal welfare issues.

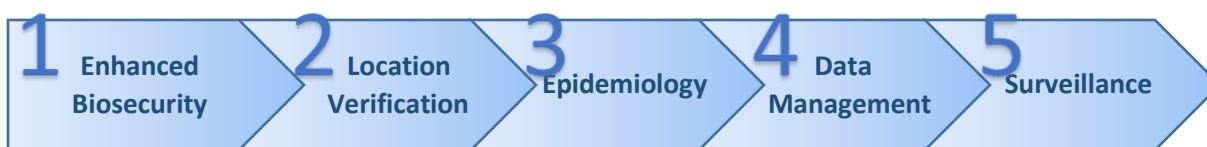
Purpose:

The overall goals of the Secure Egg Supply Plan are:

- To maintain business continuity for dairy producers, haulers, and processors during an outbreak
- Provide for efficient and effective response to minimize disease spread
- Assure a continuous supply of eggs and egg products to consumers

☆ ***CDA's goal is that all commercial egg producers participate in the Secure Egg Supply Plan.*** ☆

The Colorado Department of Agriculture's (CDA) Secure Egg Supply Plan (CO SES Plan) provides additional guidance to the Colorado Egg industry on how to request and receive egg and egg product movement permits during an HPAI outbreak. The plan outlines steps that egg producers can take prior to an outbreak (pre-event preparedness) or when an outbreak occurs (post-event response). These steps have several purposes: they help producers protect their flocks from becoming infected, they help reduce disease spread, and they enable producers to quickly implement the full SES plan for premises in the event of an outbreak.



Permitted Movement:

Poultry producers within a Control Area (quarantine and movement control zone), and possibly around the State, will be required obtain permits for the movement of eggs and egg product during a HPAI outbreak. Requirements that producers must meet in order to obtain a permit are specified in the CO SES Plan.

Producers who participate in the SES preparedness, and have a written biosecurity plan which allows them to increase their biosecurity quickly, will be on the fast track for issuance of movement permits compared to those who have not done any pre-event planning.

Visit www.colorado.gov/pacific/aganimals to see the Colorado Secure Egg Supply Plan and www.secureeggssupply.com to see the National Egg Supply Plan. If you are interested in participating in the CO SES Plan, please contact the Colorado Department of Agriculture, Animal Health Division.