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## **Determination of Extraordinary Emergency HPAI Risk Reduction & Response May 1, 2024**

The Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), pursuant to authority under Section 3a of the Animal Industry Act, Public Act 466 of 1988, as amended, MCL 287.703a, hereby determines that a delayed response to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in cattle and poultry, a reportable animal disease and condition in animals, will cause a significant impact on animals, Michigan's animal industry, and potentially the public health.

Since MDARD detected HPAI in dairy cattle in Michigan on March 29, 2024, MDARD has identified additional dairy herds as well as commercial poultry flocks that have tested positive for the disease in 7 counties. HPAI is highly transmissible between birds. Spread among dairy operations is not fully understood.

To control and prevent the continued spread of HPAI in Michigan, effective Wednesday, May 8, 2024, the following requirements are in place through this scientifically based extraordinary emergency order:

- All Michigan dairy farms, as well as poultry operations considered commercial by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) must develop and implement biosecurity practices that include:
  - Designation of a biosecurity manager.
  - Designation of a line of separation to represent the perimeter of a secure area, limiting access points.
  - Establishment of cleaning and disinfection practices and procedures at those access points for both vehicles and individuals. This must include deliveries of feed and other supplies, and training for employees.
  - Establishment of a log book maintaining a record of all vehicles and of individuals who have gotten out of vehicles and crossed those access points, to be retained and made available for examination upon request by MDARD.
- All lactating dairy cattle, and those in the last two months of pregnancy, are prohibited from being exhibited until there are no new cases of HPAI in dairy

cattle in the State of Michigan for at least 60 consecutive days. No dairy cattle of any age from an infected premises may be exhibited until further notice.

- All exhibitions or expositions of poultry are prohibited until such time that there are no new cases of HPAI in domestic poultry in the State of Michigan for at least 30 consecutive days. As defined in the Animal Industry Act, “poultry” means, but is not limited to, chickens, guinea fowl, turkeys, waterfowl, pigeons, doves, peafowl, and game birds that are propagated and maintained under the husbandry of humans (MCL 287.703(iii)).

For purposes of this order, poultry flocks considered “commercial” by APHIS:

- ≥ 75,000 table egg layers
- ≥ 100,000 broilers raised annually
- ≥ 5,000 breeder poultry
- ≥ 30,000 turkeys raised annually
- ≥ 50,000 gamebirds or waterfowl raised annually for meat or eggs.

This order does not extend to permanent poultry exhibits in venues such as zoos.

This order does not extend to racing pigeons if the following criteria are met:

1. Only lofts certified by the American Racing Pigeon Union may race.
2. Each certified loft must have a premises identification number.
3. For each event - a list of participants will be provided to the State Veterinarian within 72 hours after the event.
4. The American Racing Pigeon Union must provide a current list of Michigan certified lofts to the State Veterinarian and as changes are made.
5. Crates used for transporting pigeons can only have pigeons from one loft within a crate.
6. Vehicle and crates used to transport pigeons must be clean and disinfected after transporting the birds.

It is recommended racing pigeons do not fly over the counties of Allegan, Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Gratiot, Huron, Ingham, Ionia, Kent, Lenawee, Muskegon, Newaygo, Ottawa, St. Joseph, and Tuscola.



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