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## Alberta Poultry Industry Working to Mitigate Risk of Avian Influenza

**[Edmonton, AB]** – The Alberta Poultry Industry Emergency Management Team (APIEMT) is aware of six confirmed cases of Avian Influenza (AI), on commercial poultry farms in the following counties in Alberta:

- April 6, 2022 – Mountain View County, Alberta (poultry flock)
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- April 6, 2022 – Ponoka County (poultry flock)
- April 8, 2022 - Kneehill County, Alberta (poultry flock)
- April 9, 2022 - Paintearth County, Alberta (poultry flock)
- April 10, 2022 - Wetaskiwin County, Alberta (poultry flock)

Each infected premises has been placed under quarantine. CFIA has begun an investigation and will be establishing movement measures on other farms within the area.

The APIEMT is working closely with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development, to expedite the investigation of suspected cases and mitigate the potential risk of further spread of AI in Alberta. At this time the cause of the confirmed case of AI is unknown, but is believed to be linked to migratory birds, as has been the case recently elsewhere in both Canada and the United States.

Alberta poultry farmers and industry partners are implementing enhanced biosecurity measures to protect their flocks and safeguard the supply of fresh, local eggs and poultry products. The APIEMT will share additional details as they become available.

For ongoing updates from the CFIA, please visit: <https://inspection.canada.ca/animal-health/terrestrial-animals/diseases/reportable/avian-influenza/detection-of-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza-h5n/eng/1640207916497/1640207916934>

### ***About the Alberta Poultry Industry***

*The Alberta Poultry Industry is comprised of the Alberta Chicken Producers, Alberta Hatching Egg Producers, Alberta Turkey Producers, and the Egg Farmers of Alberta. An important mandate of the industry is to assist its members in preparing for and mitigating the impact of possible incidents, and to take a leadership role in rapidly responding to such incidents should they occur.*

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