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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 1 confirmed case of Avian Influenza (AI) on an unregistered commercial farm as of September 11, 2023.

The Infected Premise (IP) has been placed under quarantine. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is working to establish a Primary Control Zone (PCZ) around the infected premises, to restrict movement in the area. For a list of PCZs and additional detail about each of them, please visit: <https://bit.ly/41NhgvB>

The APIEMT is working closely with the CFIA and Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation, 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 cases 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://bit.ly/3L5Mwzw>

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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