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Do you know the signs of Avian Influenza?

CHECK OUT THIS GUIDE FROM THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

Avian Influenza: Preventing Transmission Animal Health Control Area Order

WHAT IS AVIAN INFLUENZA?

Avian influenza (AI) is a highly contagious viral disease that affects domestic and wild birds. Wild birds, especially waterfowl, are natural reservoirs of AI viruses.

SIGNS OF AVIAN INFLUENZA (H5N1):

- The earliest signs of infection in chickens are a loss of appetite and a decrease in egg production.
- Clinical signs: coughing and gasping for air, diarrhea, lack of energy, tremors or lack of coordination, swelling of the skin under the eyes, congestion of wattles and comb.
- Domestic poultry have no natural immunity and experience nearly 100% mortality when infected.
- High concentrations of domestic birds facilitate transmission.

PROTECTING BIRD HEALTH

- Keep domestic birds away from wild birds.
- Wear separate clothing and footwear inside and outside of bird housing.
- Dedicate one person for bird care and not other outdoor tasks.

Permit and Movement Control Permissions

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is the lead for highly pathogenic AI and has declared several outbreaks and control zones. Birds, their products, by-products and other materials cannot be moved into, out of, within, or through primary control zones except by permission. Learn more about the CFIA's permit and permissions on its website <https://inspection.canada.ca>

NEW: MINISTER'S ORDER AND REGULATIONS UNDER THE ANIMAL HEALTH ACT, 2009

To reduce the spread in Ontario an Animal Health Control Area Order has been issued to temporarily prohibit any bird commingling events including sales, shows, races and auctions. This Minister's Order took effect September 23, 2022, and ends on November 21, 2022, but may be extended if required.

To learn more about the Minister's Order visit ontario.ca/avianinfluenza

REPORTING SICK BIRDS

To report a sick or dead wild bird, please call the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative at **1-866-673-4781**.

To report a sick domestic bird, please contact your veterinarian or the local CFIA District Office.



Some of the Floradale team poses with #Fred'sPinkTruck in honour of Breast Cancer Awareness month. Pictured from left to right: Michelle Barnes, Christine Hoey, Steven Church, Brian Chamberlain, Luke Chamberlain, Amber Swidersky, Jeremy Weber, Ron Shantz

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Holiday SCHEDULE

It's almost that time of year! A friendly reminder of our office hours and important order dates as we head into the holiday season. Thank you for your cooperation during this busy season!

KEY DATES

[WED] DEC 21 TO ENSURE DELIVERY BEFORE CHRISTMAS ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY 5PM

[WED] DEC 28 TO ENSURE DELIVERY BEFORE NEW YEARS ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY 5PM

Call the order desk to place your order at 519-669-5478

DECEMBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
18	19	20	21 CHRISTMAS ORDER CUT OFF	22	23	24 OPEN 8AM - NOON
25 CLOSED	26 CLOSED	27 ORDER DESK ONLY* 8AM - NOON	28 NEW YEARS' ORDER CUTOFF	29	30	31 OPEN 8AM - NOON

JANUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 CLOSED	2 ORDER DESK ONLY* 8AM - NOON	3	4	5	6	7

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BRIAN CHAMBERLAIN RETIRES IN NOVEMBER

After 41 year of service, leadership and dedication, Brian Chamberlain has announced his retirement. His last official day will be November 30, 2022.

THANK YOU FOR 41 YEARS OF SERVICE

Pictured: Brian leads a mill tour at the 25th anniversary celebration in 1987.

In contemplating his approaching retirement, Brian said he still remembers the first day he started as a production employee at Floradale Feed Mill. He reminisced that Floradale has been more than a place to work but a second home for over 4 decades. Although the road was not always easy through various adversities, he has been immensely proud to call Floradale "home."

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Thank you for all you have given Floradale over the years, Brian.

2022 MYCOTOXIN SURVEY RESULTS

SOURCE: FIELD CROP NEWS

EARLY RESULTS ARE BACK FOR THE 2022 CORN CROP. OVERALL, VOMITOXIN IS LOW PROVINCE-WIDE.

Results from the annual OMAFRA Ontario corn ear mould and DON mycotoxin survey have provided growers with relief in terms of high vomitoxin issues that can be prevalent during wet, rainy, and humid weather. DON concentrations under 0.50 PPM accounted for 88% of the sample results collected, which is the best result in this category since 2012. Next, 0.50 to <2.00 accounted for 10% while 2.00 and greater only accounted for 3% of results.

From a geographical perspective, the highest DON concentrations by sector are in the far south west of the province between Windsor and Leamington.

Remember, even with 98% of 2022 samples still remain 2 ppm, growers should still remain vigilant and understand management options in corn with higher DON concentrations. Individual fields may vary depending on planting date, insect damage or weather conditions.

98% OF SAMPLES BELOW 2.0 PPM

DON CONCENTRATION

< 0.50 ppm	88%
0.50 to <2.00ppm	10%
2.00 to <5.00ppm	2%
5.00ppm and greater	1%

Call your Floradale representative today to discuss testing and addressing mycotoxin challenges in feed.

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