

FLORADALE FEED MILL

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REMINDER: GOOD FRIDAY IS FRIDAY, APRIL 15

Our office will be closed for the holiday. Please order your feed no later than Tuesday for Thursday delivery.

On March 27, 2022, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and the Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC) confirmed the presence of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (AI), subtype H5N1 in commercial poultry in Ontario. The affected premises are currently under quarantine and CFIA is establishing movement control measures. A 10km radius zone has been established around the affected farms in the geographical zones, and CFIA is recommending enhanced biosecurity within these areas. Currently, FFM is located outside of these radius zones. If you'd like more information on the confirmed zones, visit the CFIA website at www.inspection.canada.ca.

AVIAN INFLUENZA UPDATE

AI can spread through infected birds, wild fowl, poultry products, contaminated manure, dust particles, litter, clothing, footwear, vehicles, equipment, feed, and water.

Floradale Feed Mill will continue to follow the directives put forward by the CFIA and FBCC and will do all in our power to limit the spread of this disease.

Measures in place at FFM include, but are not limited to:

- When visiting any poultry barn, tires will be disinfected on entry; if the barn is within the affected zone, tires will also be sprayed upon exit.
- There will be dedicated trucks that will deliver to poultry barns within the affected area.
- All FFM trucks will avoid driving through affected areas on their delivery routes.
- Any incoming trucks to the mill will have tires sprayed before going onto the scale & exiting the yard.

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WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF AI?



Prevent contact with wild birds and other animals, including your farm pets.

Clean, clean and clean! This includes boots when moving from one barn to the next, even when on the same site.



Promptly dispose of dead birds, litter and unused eggs so that other animals cannot dig them up.

Limit exposure to visitors.



Keep new birds separate when entering your flock.



SPRING IS COMING: HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR BINS?

Before warmer weather sets in, we recommend taking some time to inspect your feed bins & potentially cleaning them out if necessary. When your bin is not full and feed sits there for an extended period of time, it could absorb off odors and develop mold. Molds produce mycotoxins, which can have adverse effects on livestock. In general, clearing bins out every six-months can help avoid molds or overly stale feed.

SPOT THE SIGNS AND REPORT EARLY

Infected birds may show one or many of the following signs, keep in mind some species like waterfowl may present very mildly.

- lack of energy, movement or appetite
- decreased egg production
- swelling around the head, neck and eyes
- coughing, gasping for air or sneezing
- nervous signs, tremors or lack of coordination
- diarrhea
- sudden death

Capitalizing on surveillance will be the key to stopping the spread. If you suspect a potential AI infection, please contact the CFIA Surveillance line for sick birds @ 226-217-8022.

Have questions? We're here to help.

Contact your poultry specialist or sales representative for more information.

We're hiring! Join our production team.

More information on these job opportunities can be found at ffmltd.com/careers.