

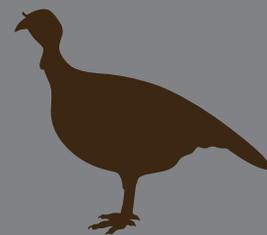
# HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA IS IN THE US!

All live bird sales and shows in North Carolina will be canceled from Aug. 15, 2015 to Jan. 15, 2016

## KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS:



- ▶ Lack of energy and appetite
- ▶ Decreased egg production or soft/misshapen eggs
- ▶ Swelling of the head, eyelids and comb
- ▶ Purple discoloration of the wattles, combs and legs
- ▶ Stumbling, falling down, diarrhea
- ▶ Sudden death



## HERE ARE SOME STEPS FOR PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF BIRD FLU AMONG BACKYARD CHICKENS:

- ▶ Keep chickens and turkeys away from ducks and other waterfowl.
- ▶ Install solid fencing so chickens cannot come into direct contact with neighbor chickens and birds.
- ▶ If you have a backyard pond where migrating birds may stop, don't allow your chickens near the water. Keep your feed protected as well.
- ▶ Buy birds from a reputable source and keep new birds separate from the rest of your flock for at least 30 days.
- ▶ Do not share feeding buckets or other equipment and supplies with other bird owners.
- ▶ Wash hands thoroughly before and after working with birds. Wear clean clothes and disinfect cages, tools and other equipment that come in contact with birds and their droppings.

**THIS SPECIFIC STRAIN OF FLU CURRENTLY IN THE US HAS NOT BEEN KNOWN TO AFFECT HUMANS. AFFECTED BIRDS DO NOT ENTER THE FOOD CHAIN, SO POULTRY PRODUCTS ARE SAFE TO EAT.**

For help or if your birds are sick, please call the NCDA&CS Veterinary Division at 919-707-3250 or the USDA toll-free hotline at 1-866-536-7593

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