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### **ANIMAL HEALTH ADVISORY** **Poultry Sales Allowed Under Current Indiana Ban** (29 May 2015)

To protect Indiana's poultry from potential exposure to H5 avian influenza virus, the members of the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) adopted an emergency rule to stop all bird movements to events that allow commingling of birds from different locations.

This rule applies to all fairs, shows, exhibitions and public sales (such as flea markets, swap meets, sale barns). This prohibition will stand until further notice, likely through the end of 2015.

**Sales of chicks at retail stores are permitted, if the birds come from a National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) participating source flock.**

**Private (person-to-person) sales are also permitted.**

Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), while deadly to domestic poultry, does not present a food safety threat. Further, the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention has stated the virus poses little risk to human health.

Poultry owners are encouraged to monitor their birds for any signs of illness or death. Report unusual bird deaths by calling the **Healthy Birds Hotline at: 866-536-7593**.

Likewise, Hoosiers who notice five or more dead feeder-type wild birds in a small area, should contact the **Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) at: 812-334-1137**.

For more information on HPAI and the current status in Indiana, visit BOAH's website at: [www.in.gov/boah/2390.htm](http://www.in.gov/boah/2390.htm).

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