

State of Indiana Response to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza 2026

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INDIANA DECLARES HPAI-FREE STATUS

As of August 13, Indiana may declare freedom from highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). This designation, relative to standards set forth by the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH), eases export restrictions and international trade barriers for Indiana poultry and poultry products.

Poultry owners should note that HPAI-free status is NOT an “all clear” or an indication that the risk of the disease is over in Indiana or the United States. Owners of all flocks, large and small, need to remain vigilant in biosecurity and in preventing the introduction of the virus. The influenza virus is still active throughout parts of the United States. HPAI has been identified in poultry on 2,236 premises in all 50 states and Puerto Rico since February 2022. Wild birds infected with HPAI have been found from coast to coast in various species, including waterfowl (ducks, geese, swans), raptors (eagles, hawks, falcons, vultures), shorebirds, seabirds, and other species commonly found in Indiana. Steps should be taken to minimize wild bird exposure to poultry as much as possible. Furthermore, in March 2024, the USDA confirmed the first detection of HPAI in a Texas dairy herd. The total confirmed detections in domestic livestock—almost exclusively dairy cattle—now include 1,173 premises in 20 states. HPAI has also been found in several other species of wild and captive mammals across the country.

The first HPAI case of the 2022-2025 incident in Indiana—and the nation—was confirmed in early February 2022 in a Dubois County turkey flock. Indiana has had 200 flocks test positive for HPAI in 26 counties. Of those 200 cases, 72 were diagnosed in 2026. Indiana has not diagnosed a case of HPAI in livestock.

All control areas and surveillance zones have been released, and most farms have been cleared to restock. Under WOAHP guidelines, HPAI-free status can be declared for a state or region after the disease has been eliminated on all affected farms and no new infections are detected in a subsequent 28-day waiting period.

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STATEWIDE SUMMARY

For details, including data and total premises affected since the ongoing incident began in 2022, visit BOAHP's HPAI dashboard: <https://www.in.gov/boah/species-information/avianbirds/highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza/>.

ABOUT INDIANA POULTRY PRODUCTION

Indiana is a leading producer of poultry, eggs and poultry products. Nationally, Indiana ranks number 1 in production of ducks, third in eggs, third in turkey production, and is a significant producer of broilers.

Ongoing/Latest Updates:

Updates are available online at: <https://www.in.gov/boah/species-information/avianbirds/highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza/> Visit that webpage to subscribe for updates delivered via text and/or email by clicking the red "subscribe" icon at the top.

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