

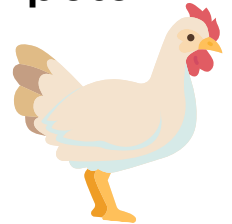
BIRD FLU:

WHAT PEOPLE WITH BACKYARD FLOCKS NEED TO KNOW



Wild birds may carry the bird flu, a disease that primarily spreads between birds and rarely infects humans or pets.

Keep your domestic birds and yourself safe:



- **Restrict water access:** Keep your birds away from ponds, streams, and lakes visited by wild waterfowl.
- **Cover pens:** keep your birds away from wild waterfowl and prevent droppings from entering their space.
- **Protect feeding and watering areas:** Avoid attracting wild birds that may carry the virus.
- **Clean boots or wear shoe covers:** Prevent tracking the virus into the pen.
- **Sanitize feeders and waterers.**
- **Don't share equipment:** Clean and disinfect before moving between flocks.
- **Quarantine new birds:** for 3 weeks to watch for illness.
- **Avoid direct contact with sick or dead birds:** If you must, use gloves and face masks.

Warning signs of the bird flu include reduced energy, appetite and activity. If your birds are sick or dying, report it!

Call:

- Your local veterinarian
- N.C. State Veterinary Office: [919-707-3250](tel:919-707-3250)
- N.C. Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory System (Western Laboratory): [828-684-8188](tel:828-684-8188)
- USDA: [866-536-7593](tel:866-536-7593)

