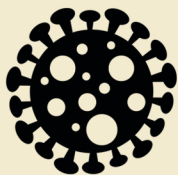




WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT AVIAN INFLUENZA



WHAT IS AVIAN INFLUENZA (AI) ?



A highly contagious viral disease affecting several species of food producing birds like chickens, quails, and ducks.

There are many AI virus strains which are usually classified into two categories according to the severity of the disease in poultry:



Low pathogenic (LPAI) strains typically cause few or no clinical signs in poultry



Highly pathogenic (HPAI) strains can cause severe clinical signs and potentially high mortality rates among poultry.

DEPOPULATE IN AI OUTBREAKS



The best way to stop the spread of the virus is the removal of susceptible hosts around a farm with the infection; thus, we need to cull all types of poultry and birds surrounding an infected farm.

ANIMAL-TO-HUMAN TRANSMISSION



There have been a few cases of human infections reported and these have been associated with contact with sick birds. Strictly observe the AI guidelines to help prevent the disease

IS IT SAFE TO EAT CHICKEN AND EGGS?



Poultry products that are thoroughly cooked are safe and fit for human consumption.

**National Meat Inspection Service
and Bureau of
Animal Industry**

thoroughly inspect chicken and eggs in the market to ensure they are fit for human consumptions.

GUIDELINES FOR PROPER CARE OF POULTRY TO HELP PREVENT AVIAN INFLUENZA



Observe strict biosecurity:



Limit the number of visitors to your farm



Prevent contact with stray birds and animals because they can be carriers of diseases



Control flies and rodents since they can also transmit diseases



Observe regular disinfection and sanitation



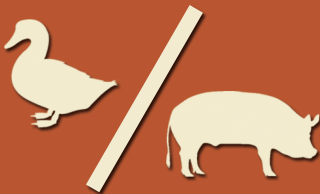
Do not share or borrow farm equipment and other tools from other farms



Have separate set of clothes and footwear for the farm and outside the farm



If you are planning on putting up a farm, make sure it is situated at least one kilometer from other farms



Avoid raising ducks together with other livestock and poultry species



Do not graze ducks in marsh lands and other bodies of water where migratory birds stay.



Observe proper hand washing before entering and also after leaving your farm



Report any unusual rise in mortalities in your flocks to the nearest office of the Department of Agriculture or Veterinary Office.