

# Avian Influenza Tips for Backyard and Hobby Flocks

These tips are organized in 3 groups/categories:

- 1) Look for signs
- 2) Report sick bird
- 3) Protect your birds

 <p><b>LOOK for Signs.</b> <b>BUSQUE las señales.</b></p>	
<p><b>BE A BIRD WATCHER.</b></p> <p>Look your birds over frequently and know how to spot contagious bird diseases. Early detection can be the best prevention.</p> <p><b>SEA OBSERVADOR DE AVES.</b></p> <p>Inspeccione a sus aves frecuentemente y sepa cómo reconocer las enfermedades contagiosas de estas. La detección temprana puede ser la mejor forma de prevención.</p>	<p>Know the normal behavior of your birds, so sick birds can be detected promptly.</p>
<p><b>STAY AWAY FROM THE WILD ONES.</b></p> <p>Always observe wildlife, including wild birds, from a distance. Don't pick up or touch dead wild birds. Avoid bird droppings.</p> <p><b>MANTÉNGASE ALEJADO DE LAS AVES SILVESTRES.</b></p> <p>Siempre observe de lejos la fauna, incluidas las aves silvestres. No recoja ni toque las aves silvestres muertas. Evite los excrementos de las aves.</p>	<p>What can you do to prevent avian influenza (and other diseases) in your birds: <b>BIOSECURITY</b>.</p> <p>Stay Away from the Wild Ones - Recent outbreaks of AI in domestic/captive birds, from US, have been linked to contact with wild ducks.</p>
<p><b>SEPARATE NEWBIES.</b></p> <p>When you bring new birds home, keep them separate from the rest of your flock for at least 30 days.</p> <p><b>SEPARA A LAS AVES NUEVAS.</b></p> <p>Cuando traiga a nuevas aves a la casa, manténgalas separados del resto de su bandada durante por lo menos 30 días.</p>	<p>Have your birds been to a fair or exhibition? Keep them separated from the rest of your flock for at least 2 weeks after the event.</p> <p>New birds should be kept separate from your flock for at least 30 days.</p>

<p><b>DO YOUR HOMEWORK!</b></p> <p>Buy your birds from a reputable hatchery, pet store, or dealer. Learn how to care for the breeds you buy.</p> <p><b>¡HAGA SUS DEBERES!</b></p> <p>Compre sus pájaros en un criadero, en una pajarería o en un distribuidor que sea acreditado. Aprenda cómo cuidar de las razas que usted compre.</p>	<p>Purchase healthy birds, not “lemons.” Buy birds from a trustworthy hatchery, breeders, or dealer. Keep a record of where you purchased birds. This can assist animal health officials during a disease outbreak or investigation.</p>
<p><b>BE A HERO!</b></p> <p>You are your birds' best protection.</p> <p><b>¡SEA UN HÉROE!</b></p> <p>Usted es la mejor protección que tienen sus aves.</p>	<p>Your birds' health is in your hands.</p>
<div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>REPORT Sick Birds.</b> <b>INFORME sobre aves enfermas.</b></p> </div>	
<p><b>CALL IT IN!</b></p> <p>To report a wild bird that has died, contact your State, tribal, or Federal natural resources agency.</p> <p><b>¡INFORMELO!</b></p> <p>Para informar sobre un ave silvestre muerta, comuníquese con la agencia de recursos naturales federal, tribal, o estatal.</p>	<p>Do not wait! If your birds are sick or dying call your local cooperative extension office, local veterinarian, State veterinarian or US Department of Agriculture.</p>
<div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>PROTECT Your Birds.</b> <b>PROTEJA a sus aves.</b></p> </div>	

<p><b>PROTECT YOUR FLOCK.</b></p> <p>Fence off your birds to keep them safe from predators and wild birds and to make sure their food and water are also protected.</p> <p><b>PROTEJA A SU BANDADA.</b></p> <p>Cerque a sus aves para mantenerlas a salvo de los depredadores y de las aves silvestres, y para asegurar que su alimento y su agua también estén protegidos.</p>	<p>Protect birds from predators and wild birds that may carry diseases (e.g. avian influenza, Salmonella). Also wild animals may steal feed or even kill your birds.</p>
<p><b>STAY HEALTHY WHILE ENJOYING YOUR BACKYARD FLOCK!</b></p> <p>Birds that appear healthy can carry germs that can make people sick, such as Salmonella. Always wash hands thoroughly with soap and water right after touching live poultry or anything in the area where they live and roam.</p> <p><b>¡QUÉDESE SANO MIENTRAS DISFRUTA DE SU BANDADA DEL TRASPATIO!</b></p> <p>Las aves que parecen sanas pueden llevar gérmenes que pueden hacer que las personas se enfermen, como con la Salmonella. Siempre lívese las manos a fondo con jabón y agua después de tocar las aves de corral vivas o cualquier cosa que esté en la zona donde viven y rondan.</p>	<p>A bird doesn't have to look sick to carry disease.</p>
<p><b>DRESS FOR SUCCESS.</b></p> <p>Keep separate clothes and shoes for working with your birds.</p> <p><b>VÍSTASE APROPIADAMENTE.</b></p> <p>Tenga ropa y zapatos distintos para cuando trabaje con las aves.</p>	<p>Keep a separate set of clothes and shoes for the birds. Do not wear those clothes or shoes in your house.</p>
<p><b>WASH UP.</b></p> <p>Scrub your hands thoroughly with soap and water before and after working with your birds. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.</p> <p><b>LÁVESE.</b></p> <p>Lávese a fondo las manos con agua y jabón antes y después de trabajar con las aves. Si no tiene a mano agua y jabón, utilice desinfectante para las manos.</p>	<p>Wash your hands. This is a good practice, not only to prevent passing diseases to your birds but also to prevent you from getting diseases from birds or other animals.</p>
<p><b>SORRY, NO SHARING.</b></p> <p>Do not share your bird equipment or tools with neighbors or other bird owners. If you do, disinfect these items before bringing them home to avoid the spread of disease.</p> <p><b>LO SENTIMOS, NO COMPARTIR.</b></p> <p>No comparta sus herramientas o equipos de aves con vecinos u otros propietarios de aves. Si lo hace, desinfecte estos artículos antes de traerlos a casa con el fin de evitar la propagación de las enfermedades.</p>	<p>If you have been near other birds or bird owners, such as at a feed store, clean and disinfect car and truck tires, poultry cages, and equipment before going home.</p>

<p><b>KEEP IT CLEAN.</b></p> <p>Clean and disinfect equipment, including cages and tools, that comes in contact with your birds or their droppings. Be sure to clean this equipment outside of your house.</p> <p><b>MANTENGA LA LIMPIEZA.</b></p> <p>Limpie y desinfecte el equipo que entre en contacto con las aves o sus excrementos, incluyendo las jaulas y las herramientas. Asegúrese de limpiar este equipo afuera de su casa.</p>	<p>Don't forget to wash and disinfect your equipment and cages. Disinfectants will not work unless equipment and cages have first been thoroughly cleaned.</p>
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