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## **Determination of Extraordinary Emergency HPAI Risk Reduction & Response May 1, 2024 June 26, 2024 Amendment**

The Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), pursuant to authority under Section 3a of the Animal Industry Act, Public Act 466 of 1988, as amended, MCL 287.703a, hereby determines that a delayed response to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in cattle and poultry, a reportable animal disease and condition in animals, will cause a significant impact on animals, Michigan's animal industry, and potentially the public health.

Since MDARD announced the detection of HPAI in dairy cattle in Michigan on March 29, 2024, MDARD has identified additional dairy herds as well as commercial and backyard poultry flocks that have tested positive for the disease. Twenty-five dairy herds in 10 counties have been confirmed as positive.

To control and prevent the continued spread of HPAI in Michigan, effective Wednesday, May 8, 2024, the following requirements were put in place through this scientifically based extraordinary emergency order:

- All Michigan dairy farms, as well as poultry operations considered commercial by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) must develop and implement biosecurity practices that include:
  - Designation of a biosecurity manager.
  - Designation of a line of separation to represent the perimeter of a secure area, limiting access points.
  - Establishment of cleaning and disinfection practices and procedures at those access points for both vehicles and individuals. This must include deliveries of feed and other supplies, and training for employees.
  - Establishment of a logbook maintaining a record of all vehicles and of individuals who have gotten out of vehicles and crossed those access points, to be retained and made available for examination upon request by MDARD.
- All lactating dairy cattle, and those in the last two months of pregnancy, are prohibited from being exhibited until there are no new cases of HPAI in dairy

cattle in the State of Michigan for at least 60 consecutive days. No dairy cattle of any age from an infected premises may be exhibited until further notice.

- All exhibitions or expositions of poultry are prohibited until such time that there are no new cases of HPAI in domestic poultry in the State of Michigan for at least 30 consecutive days. As defined in the Animal Industry Act, “poultry” means, but is not limited to, chickens, guinea fowl, turkeys, waterfowl, pigeons, doves, peafowl, and game birds that are propagated and maintained under the husbandry of humans (MCL 287.703(iii)).

In part due to increased biosecurity efforts, there have been no new cases of HPAI in the State of Michigan in backyard poultry since May 9, 2024, and in commercial poultry since May 2, 2024. The prohibition on exhibitions or expositions of poultry is lifted. This, like all provisions of this order, is subject to change based on disease detection and emerging science.

With greater understanding of the disease and its risks in dairy farms and the diagnosis of two human cases, this order is amended to require:

- Any cattle not lactating nor in the final two months of pregnancy originating from any licensed dairy farm premises intended to be exhibited at Michigan fairs, exhibitions, or expositions must demonstrate to fair, exhibition, or exposition officials upon arrival at the grounds a negative HPAI A(H5N1) test that has been conducted in the last seven (7) days. Permittable tests include:
  - Nasal swab tests on the individual animal being exhibited, or
  - Milk bulk tank sample test from the dairy farm.
- Fairs, exhibitions, or expositions must keep a list of all exhibitors of livestock including poultry with contact information including home addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses, and must provide it to the department upon request.
- Fairs, exhibitions, or expositions with livestock including poultry must have signage educating the public about biosecurity at the entry and exit of every barn housing livestock including poultry for exhibition, including handwashing, and maintaining a safe distance from animals.

This portion of the Order takes effect July 1, 2024.



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