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## **Important Updates from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources**

- 1. Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza has been detected in New England**
- 2. EEE Vaccination Program continues through March 2023**

Please see below.

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### **1. Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza has been detected in New England**

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) has been detected in wild birds along the east coast from Canada to Florida, and in commercial and backyard flocks in IN, KY, VA, **NY, and ME**. Of additional concern is the detection of HPAI in wild birds in **NH and CT**. ***HPAI may already be present in wild birds in Massachusetts.*** HPAI surveillance of domestic and wild birds in MA is ongoing.

Any unexpected deaths or other signs should be reported immediately to the Division of Animal Health (617-626-1795). Increased numbers of wild bird deaths should be reported to the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (508-389-6300). Prompt reporting will expedite rapid testing and diagnosis.

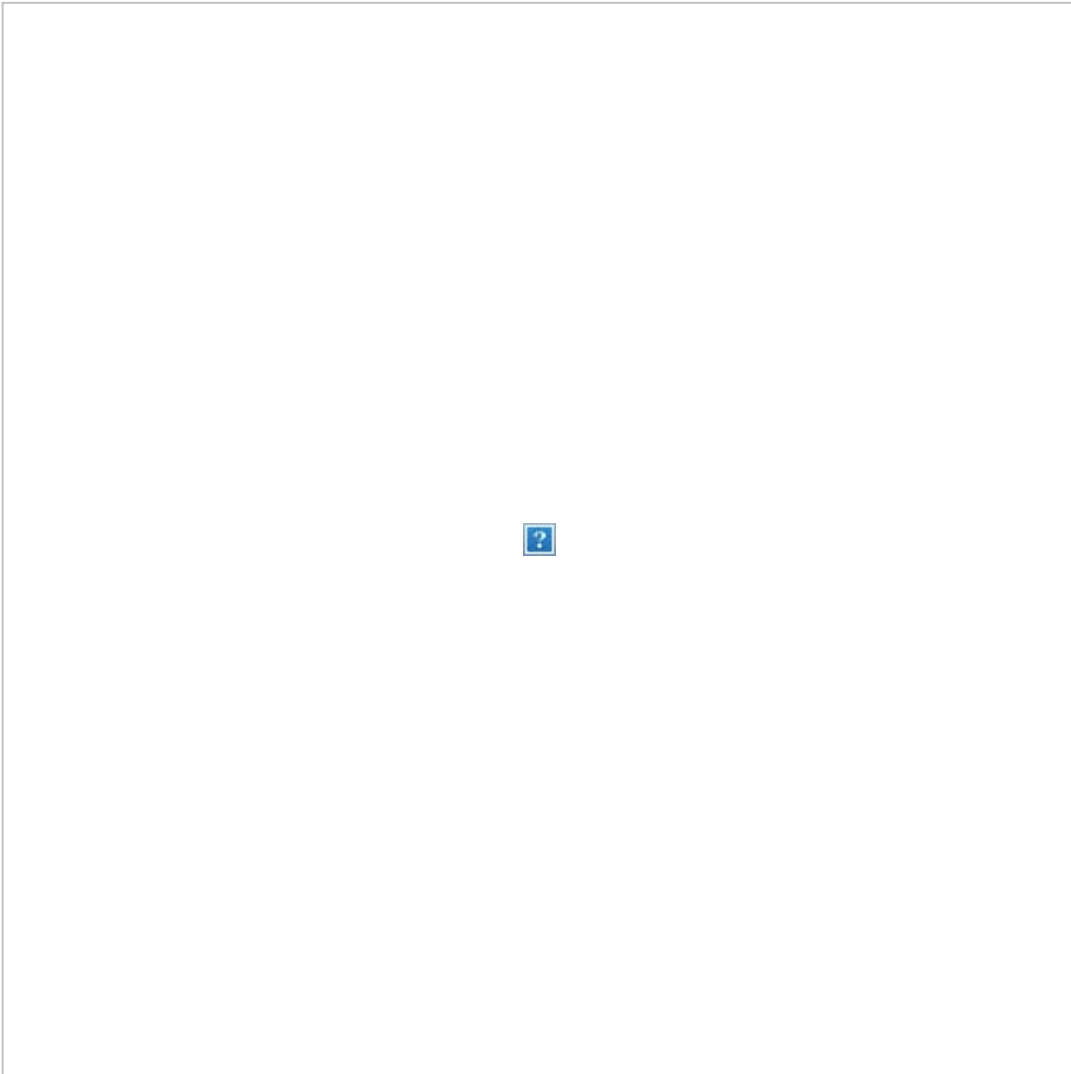
#### **Resources:**

1. Biosecurity - [USDA Defend the Flock](#)
  2. Biosecurity- [Iowa State University](#)
  3. [Recent HPAI Detections](#)
  4. [USDA HPAI Response Policy](#)
  5. [MDAR Facebook](#), [MDAR Twitter](#)
  6. [MDAR Biosecurity for your Backyard Flock PDF](#)
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## **2. EEE Vaccination Program continues through March 2023**

MDAR and USDA have continued their partnership to reimburse veterinarians for providing EEE/WNV vaccination services to equines owned by MA residents who otherwise would be unable to vaccinate their equines appropriately due to financial hardship. This program will be in effect through March 2023.

Please email [EEEProgram@mass.gov](mailto:EEEProgram@mass.gov) for more information.



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