

2025 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

Arkansas Disease Reporting Systems

What You Need To Know:

Avian Influenza first entered the United States in December 2021. Since then, the disease has spread across the country, affecting not only poultry but also other non-poultry species. The virus resurfaces each fall and spring during wild bird migration seasons.

This unified message, developed by the state agencies listed below, provides clear guidance on the actions and precautions to take if you encounter a sick bird.



Wild Birds

To report unusual wild bird activity, please visit the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission website at agfc.com/education/avian-influenza



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Human Exposure or Illness Concerns

If you have concerns, please contact the Arkansas Department of Health at (501) 280-4136 or adh.zoonotic@arkansas.gov to discuss monitoring, testing, and treatment options. For after-hours assistance, please call (800) 554-5738. The Arkansas Department of Health is monitoring individuals who have been exposed within the past 10 days, even if they are asymptomatic.



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Backyard Poultry

For more information on backyard poultry and access to additional resources, please reach out to your county extension agent, found at uaex.uada.edu/counties



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Livestock or Domestic Birds

To report sick birds, please call the Arkansas Department of Agriculture at (501) 823-1746.

