

## NEED MORE INFORMATION?

For more information on how to keep your birds safe from the incidental spread of disease, please visit Ropin' the Web at [www.agric.gov.ab.ca/biosecurity](http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca/biosecurity).

Or call the **Ag Info Centre**:

Toll-free in Alberta: 310 FARM (310.3276)

or 1.866.882.7677 Out of province 1.403.742.7901

For current animal disease situations visit the World Organization for Animal Health at: [www.oie.int](http://www.oie.int)

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## BACKYARD BIRDS AND AVIAN INFLUENZA

### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

Alberta

## WORRIED ABOUT AVIAN INFLUENZA? YOU CAN MINIMIZE THE RISK!

In Alberta, regulations do not require you to keep your birds indoors (but that might be the easiest way to keep them safe from influenza).

In any case, prevent contact with wild waterfowl and places that wild waterfowl have been. Here is how you do it:

- Keep your birds out of dugouts and other surface water\*
- Keep your birds inside or at least penned
- If your birds are outside, feed them inside so that wild waterfowl are not attracted. If you cannot feed them inside, take measures—such as netting or wire fencing—to prevent wild birds from accessing your feeders
- Treat water that wild waterfowl have had access to
- Remember that viruses can be transmitted by you and your equipment.



### DID YOU KNOW.....

Most of what should be done to prevent the spread of avian influenza in the poultry population is already being done by the commercial agri-food industry.

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development is working closely with industry and other agencies to ensure that appropriate measures are in place. Please help us by doing your part!

**If your birds become ill or die** for an unknown reason call your vet! Your veterinarian is part of a comprehensive animal health surveillance network that detects and responds to significant animal disease occurrences. This system depends on you to work with your veterinarian.