Dear HPAI Webinar Attendee,

Thank you for attending the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza webinar hosted by Colorado Department of Agriculture- Animal Health Division and Colorado State University Avian Health and Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. We hope you found the webinar informative and hope that we can work together to keep HPAI out of your flocks!

At the time of this email, HPAI has been detected in commercial or backyard flocks in 25+ states. Colorado has seen wild bird detections in 4 counties (Denver, Morgan, El Paso, Sedgwick) and USDA Wildlife Services has increased HPAI surveillance in the wild bird population throughout Colorado.

Our primary goal right now is prevention - increase measures to keep HPAI out of our domestic poultry in the state. At the same time, we are quickly working on increasing our preparedness in the event we do have a detection in the state. We are asking everyone to:

- Increase Biosecurity
- Monitor flocks for signs of illness and production parameters
- **Report** any suspicious disease events

Biosecurity is critical and our office is more than happy to assist with any biosecurity inquiries. Please reach out if we can be of any assistance.

Contact Information:

<u>State Veterinarian's Office</u> - (303) 869-9130 (veterinarian on call 24/7) <u>CSU Avian Health Team</u> - (970) 297-4008 (may not be answered on nights/weekends) <u>USDA Healthy Bird Hotline</u> - (866) 536-7593 (may not be answered on nights/weekends)

Webinar Recording- Please feel free to share!

The following link will take you to the webinar recording:

https://youtu.be/IwpB9JW6XeU

Additional Resources and Links

• CDA Website on HPAI

https://ag.colorado.gov/hpai Emergency Rule Banning Poultry Shows/Swaps/Exhibition

- CSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory- Avian Health
 <u>http://csu-cvmbs.colostate.edu/vdl/avian-diagnostics/Pages/default.aspx</u>
- <u>USDA Defend the Flock</u>- We talked extensively about this website on the webinar because it is an excellent resource for backyard flock biosecurity.

- <u>USDA 2022 HPAI Detections</u>- Monitor the national outbreak situation in both backyard and wild bird populations
- <u>Colorado Parks and Wildlife Local Offices</u>- Report wild bird deaths

Questions & Answers

The questions and answers from the webinar are attached as a PDF. Please don't hesitate to reach out for additional clarification on any of the questions or answers.

Mental Health Resources

Lastly, we understand how important your poultry flocks are to you and we truly appreciate you taking the time to help us help you.

If you or anyone you know may be dealing with stress, fear or overwhelming concerns about HPAI and would like to speak to a mental health professional, help is available. Colorado Crisis Services 1-844-493-8255 or text "TALK" to 38255

