TIPS FOR AVIAN INFLUENZA PREVENTION

WHAT IS AVIAN INFLUENZA?
Avian influenza is a disease caused by influenza type A viruses, which can infect both wild and domestic birds.

SYMPTOMS OF AVIAN INFLUENZA
- Sudden death without any signs
- Purple discoloration of the wattles, combs and legs
- Swollen head, eyelids, comb, wattles and hocks
- Soft-shelled or misshapen eggs
- Decreased egg production
- Lack of energy, appetite and coordination
- Diarrhea
- Nasal discharge
- Coughing or sneezing
- Ruffled feathers

HOW IS IT SPREAD?
- Through direct contact with infected birds
- Through contaminated feed, water, equipment and clothing

TREATMENTS FOR AVIAN INFLUENZA
Treatment with antiviral compounds is not approved or recommended. It is best to have a monitoring system in place and biosecurity measures as prevention. Vaccination can be a powerful tool to support eradication programs if used in conjunction with other control methods.

HOW TO PREVENT AVIAN INFLUENZA
- Maintain surveillance
- Reduce wildlife attractants
- Appropriately dispose of manure and dead poultry
- Prevent wildlife access
- Add wildlife deterrents
- Cover your run
- Keep poultry away from areas frequented by wildfowl
- Maintain sanitation of property, poultry houses, equipment, vehicles and footwear
- Avoid the introduction of birds of unknown disease status into the flock
- Report illness and death of birds
- Keep control over the access of people and equipment to poultry houses