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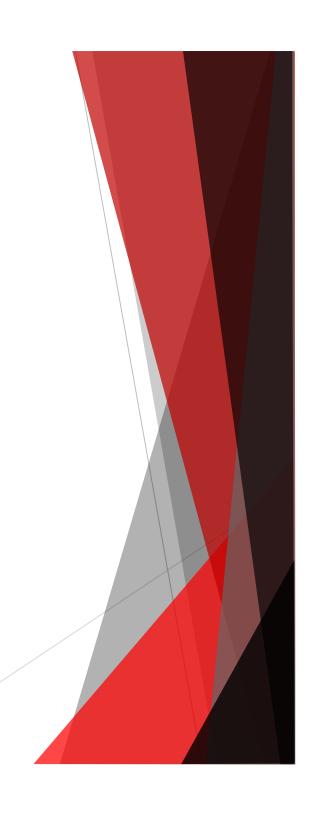
Poultry Science Department

Agenda

- Indiana avian influenza update
 - ▶ Justin Fowler, UGA Poultry Science
- Report on Georgia Al hotline activity
 - ▶ Bruce Webster, UGA Poultry Science
- Review of resources on UGA CES Avian Flu page
 - ▶ Bruce Webster, UGA Poultry Science
- ► Take home message for county agents
 - ► Casey Ritz, UGA Poultry Science
- Communicating HPAI
 - ▶ Julie McPeake, Chief Communication Officer, GDA

Avian Influenza: Indiana. Justin Fowler

- ► January 15th
 - ► High-path H7N8
- ► Surveyed in a 6 mile radius



Report on Al Hotline Activity

"A Reflection Back Over the Last 4 Months of Use"

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A. Bruce Webster Poultry Science Dept. University of Georgia

The Georgia Al Hotline Response Team

UGA Poultry Science

- Dr. Bruce Webster
- Dr. Brian Fairchild
- Dr. Casey Ritz

Any one of these Al Response
Team members can be the
first to respond to a caller on
the Al Hotline

GPLN

- Dr. Doug Anderson
- Dr. Jim Davis
- Dr. Louise Dufour-Zavala
- Dr. Doug Waltman
- Mrs. Jessi Kimbrell
- Mr. Len Chappell

USDA

- Dr. Martin Smeltzer
- Dr. Koren Custer (south GA VMO)
- Dr. Keren Rozensher (south GA VMO)

Al Hotline Targets Backyard Flock Owners

- ▶ USDA Customer Service Centers provide the number during business and after work hours including weekends
- ► GDA Supervisors and Regional Inspectors can provide the number to callers into the GDA website
- Georgia County Extension Agents have the Al Hotline

The Al Hotline History

- ► Al Hotline System was initiated in Sept. 2015
- ▶ 19 calls into the Hotline System to date
- ► All 19 flocks are single species (chicken)
- ► The flock sizes ranged from 4 birds to more than 100 birds
- ▶ 2 of the 19 cases came through small animal veterinarian clinics

Al Hotline History continued...

The Small Flock Decision Guide Scores Summaries for the 19



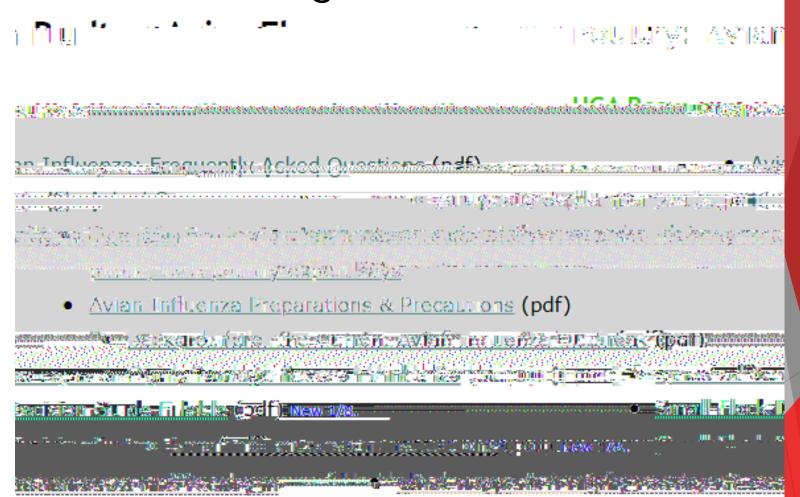
The Diagnosis Summary of the 19 Flocks Handled through the Al Hotline System

- ▶ 8/19 flocks were submitted to the lab for testing
- ► 10/19 flocks were dismissed from the AI Hotline because mortality did not increase in 3 consecutive days
- ▶ 2/19 had the diagnosis of Mycoplasma synoviae
- ► 1/19 diagnosed as renal gout

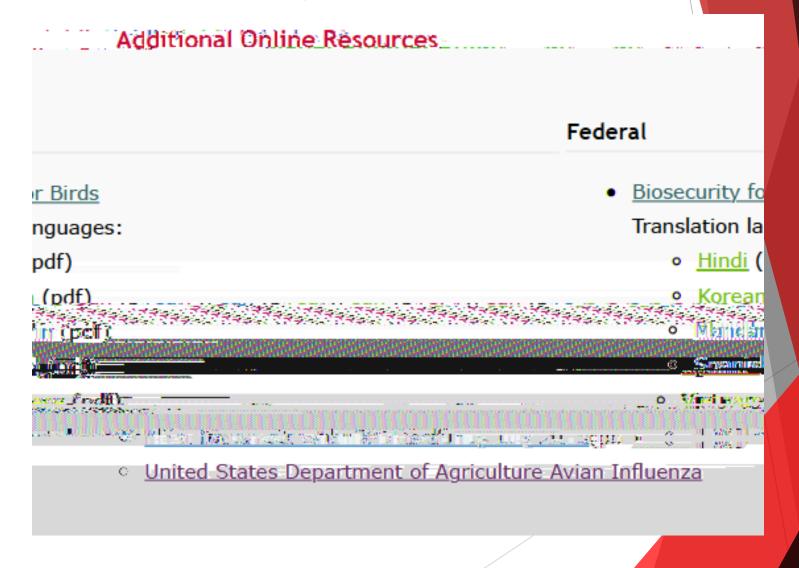
Review of Resources on UGA CES Avian Flu Page

- http://extension.uga.edu/topics/poultry/ avian-flu/
 - ► Also preventai.uga.edu
 - ► <u>UGA avian flu page</u>
- ▶ ga-ai.org
 - ► GA Department of Agriculture avian flu page

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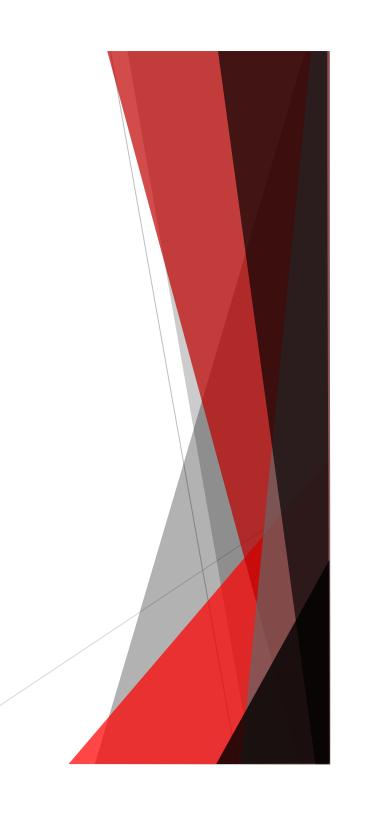
UGA CES Flyer



Biosecurity Basics

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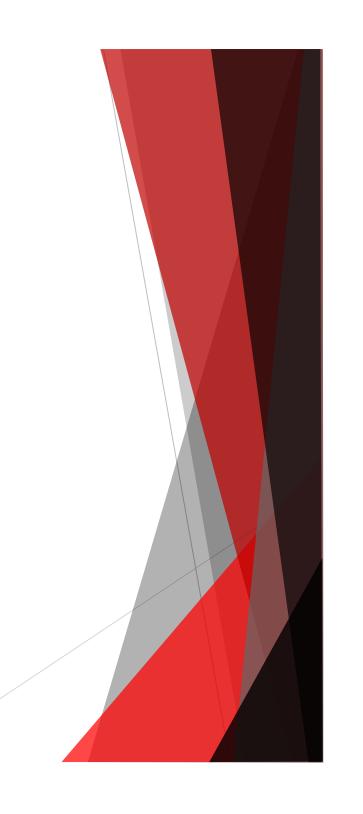
AVIAN INFLUENZA REMINDERS



Poultry Products are Safe to Eat

► All Georgia broiler flocks are tested for Al

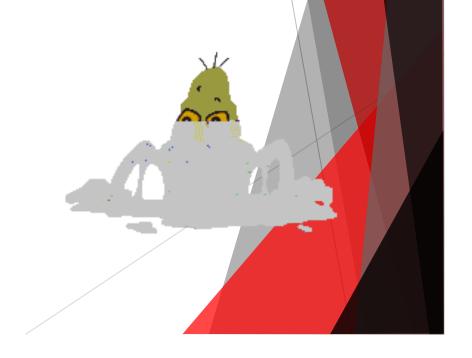
Biosecurity Basics



What is Biosecurity?

A set of practices to limit the spread of disease-causing pathogens

Prevention mind-set



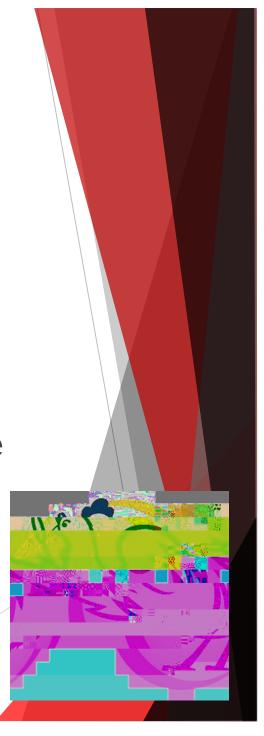
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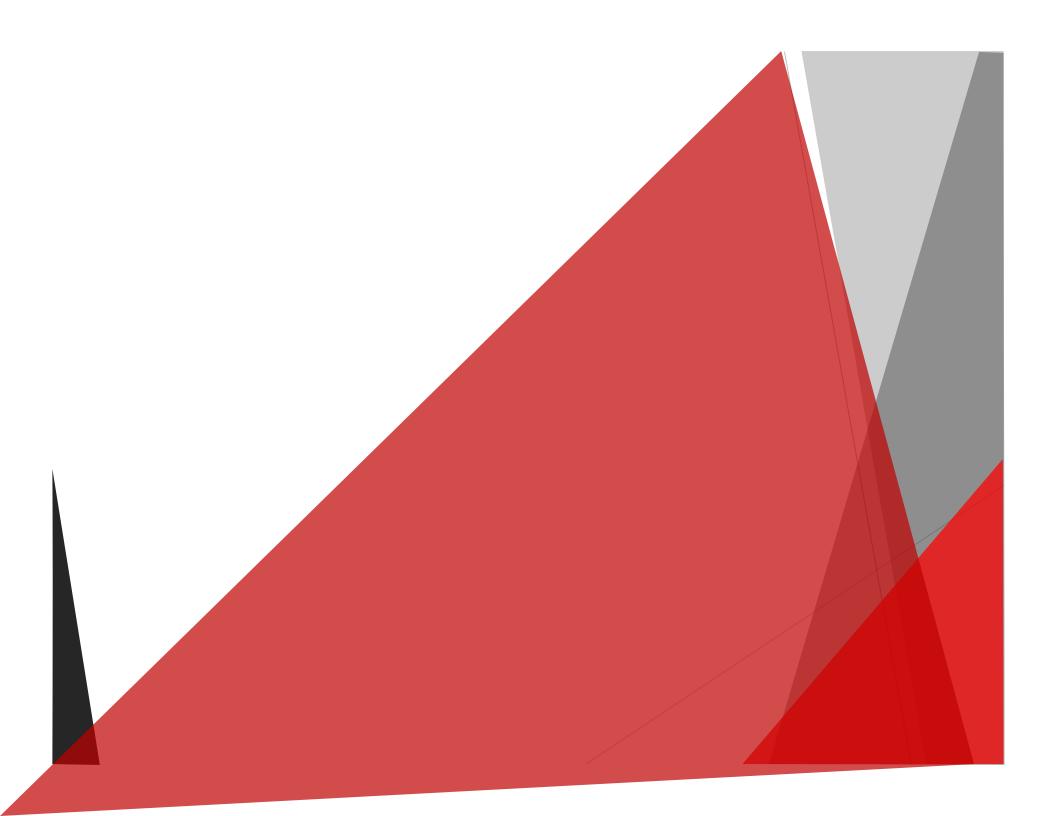
- ► Informed common sense
 - ! isolation, traffic control, sanitation
- ► Protection
- ► Containment



Biosecurity

- ► Avoid mixing age groups
 - Passed-on experience can be deadly
- ► Avoid mixing species
 - ► Menagerie can be a menace
- ► Neither a borrower nor a lender be
 - ► Minimize sharing of equipment
- ► Introduce new birds with caution
 - ▶ Isolate at least 3-4 weeks





Disease prevention is not always easy

- ► Prevention of disease is always less expensive than treatment.
- ► At times it is inconvenient, time consuming and expensive.
- ► However, must be viewed as an investment in the long-term well-being of the farm.
- ▶ Disease prevention may make the difference between success or failure.

Questions?



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