



Animal Health Update

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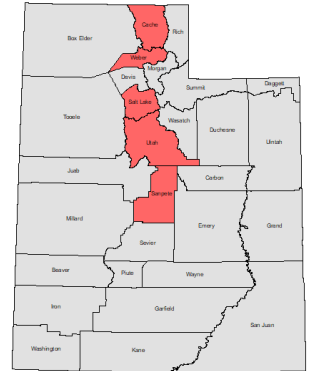
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Avian Influenza

As of September 30, 2022, Utah has had 19 outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in commercial and backyard poultry in five counties. The Division of Wildlife Resources has also been seeing HPAI in wild birds across the state. Bird owners are encouraged to practice [good biosecurity](#). Maps are available for domestic poultry from [UDAF](#) and [USDA](#) and for [wild birds from DWR](#).



News Briefs:

- **New Change for International Health Certificates:** The USDA Veterinary Services office is no longer doing in-person endorsements of international health certificates. All international CVIs must be submitted through the [VEHCS](#) program or mailed to the [Sacramento endorsement office](#). UDAF does not endorse international CVIs.
- Dr. Dean Taylor, the Utah State Veterinarian, is retiring at the end of 2022. If you or someone you know is interested in applying for the State Veterinarian position, [click here](#).
- Six cases of West Nile Virus have been confirmed in Kane, Weber, Uintah, and Duchesne Counties. West Nile Virus is easily preventable with an annual vaccine. Veterinarians should [report](#) any suspected or confirmed cases of West Nile Virus to UDAF.
- The nomination period for the Veterinary Medical Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) is near. Utah can nominate up to six underserved areas per year. Awardees through the program get \$25,000 per year paid towards their student loans. If you would like your area to be nominated for this award, please email Dr. Amanda Price at amandaprice@utah.gov.
- UDAF will hold a trichomoniasis certification webinar for veterinarians in January. An email will be sent out to all bovine veterinarians with more details. Trich-certified veterinarians must complete a certification course every three years.
- Trich tag order forms are available [here](#). We are no longer putting the year on the tags, so veterinarians can use left-over tags when that color comes around again.
- Disaster evacuation kit checklists for dogs/cats and horses are available on the [Utah Community Response Program website](#). Pets need evacuation kits too!
- UDAF has moved! See the new address below. The phone numbers and PO Box have not changed.

