



AVIAN FLU RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FAIRS AND EXHIBITS - SUMMER 2026



How To Protect Your Animals?

- Strongly consider leaving lactating dairy cattle at home this year.
- Familiarize yourself with the signs of illness.
- Monitor your animals, and yourself, for signs of illness at least once daily.
- Promptly report any suspected cases of avian influenza to a veterinarian.
- Follow biosecurity recommendations:
 - Clean and disinfect all equipment brought to the fair, and repeat this process as often as possible throughout the event.
 - Avoid sharing tools, feed, water, or supplies with others.
 - Limit commingling of animals from different farms, especially direct nose-to-nose contact.
 - Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer after every animal interaction.
 - Change clothes after handling your animals and before going near any other animals.

Species At Risk:

- Dairy Cattle – drop in milk, off feed, +/- fever, lethargy.
- Birds – respiratory signs, drop in food, + water consumption, swollen heads, death.
- Humans – rare cases of pink eye, respiratory signs.

How Is It Spreading?

- Through the movement of “things” (animals, people, equipment, feed, etc.).
- May be spread before an animal shows signs of being sick.

How To Bring Your Animals Home?

- If possible, isolate and check animals daily for signs of disease for 30 days before allowing them to mingle with the rest of the herd/flock.
- Do not share equipment between the home herd and the isolated animals.
 - Complete chores for the returning animals last.
- Clean and disinfect all equipment you took off the farm.

Questions or Concerns?

Call the Utah State Veterinarians Office (801) 982-2235