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Dear Veterinary Colleagues,

This is an important message from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) and Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) to all licensed veterinarians in the state of Connecticut. We are sending this message to update you on the current highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) A(H5N1) situation and share resources. We ask that you share this information with your support staff and use these resources to assist you with questions from your clients regarding H5N1.

On Wednesday, January 15, 2025, the National Veterinary Surveillance Laboratory (NVSL) confirmed (HPAI) A(H5N1) in a backyard (non-commercial) poultry flock in New London County. The premises has been depopulated. It is likely that infection occurred from an independent wild bird introduction.

The Department of Agriculture press release can be accessed [here](#).

The Connecticut Department of Public Health H5N1 webpage is available here: [H5N1 Virus](#).

The communication sent on January 10, 2025, to veterinarians and support staff with information and resources regarding H5N1 is available [here](#).

As always, we are here for your questions and concerns.

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Sincerely,

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