



January 27, 2025

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 Friday, January 24, 2025, the Connecticut Department of Agriculture announced that preliminary testing had detected H5N1 in a backyard (non-commercial) poultry flock in New Haven County. This marks the second detection of H5N1 in domestic birds this year and the first in New Haven County in 2025. The premises has been depopulated. The Department of Agriculture press release can be accessed [here](#).

Please discourage your clients and callers from handling sick wild birds. As always, we are here for your questions and concerns.

The previous communications sent to veterinarians and support staff with information and resources regarding H5N1 are available [here](#).

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Sincerely,

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