

Kings County 4-H Council Agenda
Tuesday February 4, 2025
6:30 p.m.

- **Call to Order** – President – Loretta Toledo
- **Flag Salute and 4-H Pledge** -
- **Secretary's Report/Minutes** -Melanie Curtis
- **Treasurers Report** - Lilly Pimentel
- **Presentations**
- **Club Reports**
 - Corcoran 4-H
 - Grangeville 4-H
 - Island 4-H
 - Kings Harvest 4-H
 - Kings River 4-H
 - Mid Valley 4-H
- **County Ambassador Report**

- **4-H Staff Report**

- **Unfinished Business**
 - Judging Day Review

- **New Business**
 - Statewide Ban on Poultry and Dairy Cattle Exhibitions at Fair and Shows in Place, Update and FAQ
 - Food Olympics
 - Presentation Day
 - 4-H Fair Indoor
 - 4-H Fair Livestock

- **Announcements**

- **Adjournment**

Next Council Meeting March 4, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Kings County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday December 3, 2024

- **Called to Order** at 6:52 p.m. by President Loretta Toledo. Members present were Brylee Hunter, Madison Thomas, Lara Felipe, Scarlett Sayles, Lilly Pimentel, Jayden Diaz, Hayden Blain, Cobi Revious, Melanie Curtis, Clare Curtis, Jennifer Thomas, Adaleigh Sayles, James Sayles, Alana Edmondson, Amanda Edmondson and 4-H Staff Cayci Hill.
- **Flag Salute** was led by Adaleigh Sayles and **4-H Pledge** was led by Clare Curtis.
- **Secretary's Report/Minutes** were approved as printed on a motion by Hayden Blain, seconded by Lara Felipe.
- **Treasurers Report** - Lilly Pimentel reported that our balance is \$23696.35 and no new checks were written since our last meeting. Report was approved on a motion by Hayden Blain with a second from Adaleigh Sayles.
- **Presentations**
- **Club Reports** – on a motion by Adaleigh Sayles and seconded by Clare Curtis, Council opted to bypass club reports for the evening.
- **County Ambassador Report** – Ambassadors reported that they met on November 24, 2024 and discussed Judging Day and Farm Day involvement.
- **4-H Staff Report** – Cayci Hill reported that the University of California Cooperative Extension (4-H) Office will be closed from December 24, 2024 through January 1, 2025. Cayci will also be on leave throughout the month of January 2025.
- **Unfinished Business**
 - Judging Day
 - Livestock, General, Home Economics Classes are covered and were discussed.
 - Activities – Line dancing classes will begin approximately 5:00 p.m. There will be a hot cocoa and snack table. Registration will begin at 2:30 p.m., Judging will begin at 3:00 p.m. There will be pre-let six foot trees for the tree decorating contest, which will be judged by the Ambassador team. Melanie Curtis is having a trophy made by Sawtelle and Rosprim Machine Shop.
 - Giving Tuesday – December 3rd CA 4-H Foundation Donation Match
- **Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m. by Loretta Toledo, President, on a motion by Lilly Pimentel, seconded by Hayden Blain.

Next Council Meeting January 7, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

6:24 PM
 02/04/25
 Cash Basis

Kings County 4-H Clubs
Kings County 4-H County Budget Report
 July 2024 through June 2025

	Jul '24 - Ju...	Budget	\$ Over Bu...
Income	0.00		
Expense			
BUDGET EXPENSES			
B 236 · Kings Fair Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00
B 235 · Workshop Material & Train...	0.00	500.00	-500.00
B 234 · 4-H Madness	0.00	500.00	-500.00
B 233 · 4-H Program Development F...	22.51	500.00	-477.49
B 201 · 4-H Fair	941.98	6,000.00	-5,058.02
B 202 · Achievement	3,586.90	3,500.00	86.90
B 203 · All Stars/Ambassadors	448.60	1,000.00	-551.40
B 204 · CA Focus Chaperones	0.00	0.00	0.00
B 205 · CA Focus Youth	0.00	0.00	0.00
B 206 · County Fashion Revue	0.00	100.00	-100.00
B 207 · County Presentation Day	0.00	500.00	-500.00
B 209 · Favorite Foods Fair	0.00	500.00	-500.00
B 210 · Jr. Fair Board Awards	300.00	300.00	0.00
B 211 · Judging Day	628.15	1,500.00	-871.85
B 212 · Kings Fair Indoor Awards	0.00	300.00	-300.00
B 213 · LCORT Chaperones	0.00	0.00	0.00
B 214 · LCORT Youth	0.00	0.00	0.00
B 215 · Leader Recognition	0.00	3,500.00	-3,500.00
B 216 · Curriculum/Library	0.00	150.00	-150.00
B 217 · Miscellaneous	384.56	2,000.00	-1,615.44
B 218 · Outreach	100.00	2,000.00	-1,900.00
B 219 · Sectional Council Dues	0.00	0.00	0.00
B 220 · State Fashion Revue	0.00	0.00	0.00
B 221 · Sectional Presentation Day	0.00	300.00	-300.00
B 223 · State Leaders Forum Donati...	0.00	0.00	0.00
B 224 · State Leader Forum Scholar...	0.00	0.00	0.00
B 225 · State Leadership Conf. Chap...	0.00	120.00	-120.00
B 226 · State Leadership Conf. Travel	0.00	300.00	-300.00
B 227 · State Leadership Conf. Youth	0.00	350.00	-350.00
B 230 · Washington Focus Chaperon...	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
B 231 · Washington Focus Youth	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00
B 232 · Western Regional Leaders F...	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total BUDGET EXPENSES	6,412.70	26,920.00	-20,507.30
Total Expense	6,412.70	26,920.00	-20,507.30
Net Income	-6,412.70	-26,920.00	20,507.30

Most recent updates from CDFA: https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/Animal_Health/

January 10, 2025: Statewide Ban on Poultry and Dairy Cattle Exhibitions at Fair and Shows in Place

Poultry and Dairy Cattle Exhibition Ban at Fairs and Shows

Our State Veterinarian has placed a ban on poultry and dairy cattle exhibitions at fairs and shows until further notice. This decision was made to protect the remaining unaffected herds and flocks across California as we see continued detections of the H5N1 virus. This ban addresses the highest risk bird species related to avian influenza – chickens, turkeys, ducks, and upland game birds (e.g. pheasants and chukars). All other exhibitions and shows including those with psittacines, pigeons, and doves will not be impacted at this time. We're working tirelessly to combat Bird Flu and protect our state's farms and flocks. CDFA and USDA are working together to safeguard our agricultural resources and food supply. We hope our communities will support us in our efforts through support of this ban and to continue practicing enhanced biosecurity.

Movement Restrictions

Movement restrictions have been placed within the following ten (10) California counties: Butte, Fresno, Kern, Marin, Merced, Riverside, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare. Quarantines are placed on individual infected premises and not the entire county. All US detections in poultry can be found here: [2022–2024 Detections of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza](#).

For Poultry Owners

The Bird Flu virus is mainly spread by wild birds, especially in wild waterfowl such as ducks and geese. Any wild bird species can also become a source. Bird Flu is widespread in California and may be present in counties that are not listed. This can be due to no lab submissions from those counties. We strongly urge all poultry owners in California to protect their flocks by increasing their biosecurity practices. Recommended biosecurity practices can be found on the [CDFA](#) and [USDA](#) websites.

Avian influenza is a highly contagious and often fatal disease in birds. The disease is spread through movement of infected or exposed birds, direct or indirect contact with infected wild and domestic birds or contact with virus on fomites (surfaces) such as hands, shoes, clothing, or feet and fur of rodents and other animals.

Clinical signs of HPAI include sudden death, trouble breathing, clear runny discharge (from nose, mouth, and eyes), lethargy, decreased food and water intake, swelling (eyes, head, wattles, or combs), discolored or bruised comb, wattles, or legs, stumbling/falling or twisted neck.

Poultry owners with flocks that have experienced any unusual/suspicious illness or deaths should call our CDFA Sick Bird Hotline at 866-922-BIRD (2473).

Wild Birds

Avoid touching and handling injured, sick, or dead, wild birds. Contact your local animal control for further instruction and report any unusual or suspicious deaths in wild birds to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife [online](#). If you have questions about wildlife rehabilitation, please contact the California Department of Fish and Wildlife directly: [Wildlife Health Lab - Avian Investigations \(ca.gov\)](#).

Stay Informed: For the latest updates in California domestic poultry, subscribe and follow us on social media. You can find us on Facebook ([Animal Health Branch – CDFA](#)) and Instagram ([AnimalHealthBranch CDFA](#)).

For more information and updates on wild bird detections in California, visit the [California Department of Fish and Wildlife website](#).

For public inquiries regarding HPAI in California, please call 916-217-7517 or send an e-mail to cdfa.HPAIinfo@cdfa.ca.gov. For media inquiries, please call 916-654-0462 or send an e-mail to OfficeOfPublicAffairs@cdfa.ca.gov.

H5N1 Bird Flu Virus in Livestock

January 14, 2025: CDFA Has Confirmed New Cases of H5N1 Bird Flu in California Dairy Herds and Released 128 Fully Recovered Dairies from Quarantine

SACRAMENTO, CA — Following an investigation by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and rapid disease detection by California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory System (CAHFS), the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) has confirmed H5N1 Bird Flu in 65 dairy farms in the last 30 days in California. Since California's first detection of H5N1 Bird Flu in dairies, there have been a total of 708 infected dairies with 128 of those affected, fully recovered and released from quarantine. All [quarantine released](#) dairies will be placed on a surveillance list for weekly testing through creameries to maintain continued monitoring of the virus in California.

Statewide Ban on all California Poultry and Dairy Cattle Exhibitions at Fairs and Shows

As the H5N1 Bird Flu virus continues to spread, our State Veterinarian placed a ban on poultry and dairy cattle exhibitions at fairs and shows on January 8, 2025, until further notice. This decision was made to protect California's remaining unaffected dairy herds and poultry flocks across California. We're working tirelessly to combat Bird Flu and protect our state's farms and flocks. CDFA and USDA are working together to safeguard

our agricultural resources and food supply. We hope our communities will support us in our efforts through support of this ban and to continue practicing enhanced biosecurity.

Bird Flu in Humans

For the most up to date data on bird flu cases in California, please visit CDPH's Current Bird Flu Situation dashboard. While the risk to the general public remains low, additional human cases of bird flu are expected to be identified and confirmed in California. CDPH recommends that personal protective equipment (PPE), such as eye protection (face shields or safety goggles), respirators (N95 masks), and gloves be worn by anyone working with animals or materials that are infected or potentially infected with the bird flu virus. Wearing PPE helps prevent infection. Please see CDPH's [Worker Protection from Bird Flu](#) for full PPE guidance. For the latest updates from CDPH, visit [Bird Flu \(ca.gov\)](#). If you have any questions, comments or concerns, you can [submit an inquiry directly to CDPH](#).

National Detections

This nationwide outbreak of H5N1 Bird Flu began in poultry in 2022 and was first detected in US dairy cattle in March 2024. All national detections in cattle can be found on the USDA website at: [HPAI Confirmed Cases in Livestock | Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service \(usda.gov\)](#) and all national detections in poultry can be found on the USDA website at: [Confirmations of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Commercial and Backyard Flocks | Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service \(usda.gov\)](#)



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January 7, 2025

State Veterinarian Bans All California Poultry and Dairy Cattle Exhibitions at Fairs and Shows

Dear Poultry and Dairy Cattle Exhibition Organizers and Managers:

H5N1 Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) has become widespread among dairy cows and domestic poultry (commercial and backyard flocks) in California. In fact, California Governor Gavin Newsom has declared a [state of emergency](#) due to these detections. Since August 2024, there have been over 700 dairy herds and 60 poultry flocks affecting over 15 million birds with new dairies and flocks being detected.

Due to the continued spread of H5N1 Bird Flu in California, the State Veterinarian has implemented a ban on all California Poultry and Dairy Cattle Exhibitions at Fairs and Shows immediately until further notice. This action is required to minimize the danger of exposing people and non-infected cows and birds to the disease.

We urge dairy cow and poultry owners to prevent this devastating disease by continuing to practice enhanced biosecurity measures and prevent comingling with wild bird populations, with other poultry/dairy cows, and their owners. They should also avoid moving or sharing equipment that may serve to transfer the virus. Dairy cow and poultry owners with flocks that have experienced any unusual/suspicious illness or deaths should not move their cows, birds, or their milk or poultry products and should call their veterinarian or our CDFA Sick Bird Hotline at 866-922-BIRD (2473).

Avian influenza is a highly contagious and often fatal disease in birds. The viral spread is promoted by wild birds, especially in wild waterfowl such as ducks and geese, but many other wild bird species can also be a source of spread. The disease spreads through movement of infected or exposed birds, direct or indirect contact with infected wild and domestic birds or contact with virus on fomites (surfaces) such as hands, shoes, clothing, or feet and fur of rodents and other animals. In addition, dairy cows have also been affected by the disease this year, so increased precautions should be taken especially for farms that have both cows and poultry or are in the vicinity of a dairy cow farm.

Clinical signs of H5N1 bird flu in cows include decrease in feed consumption with a simultaneous decrease in rumination and rumen motility, respiratory signs (including clear nasal discharge), acute drop in milk production (severely affected cattle may have thicker, concentrated, colostrum-like milk or produce no milk at all), abnormal tacky or loose feces, lethargy, dehydration, and fever. For more information, please visit our [CDFA H5N1 Bird Flu Virus in Livestock webpage](#).

Clinical signs of H5N1 bird flu (highly pathogenic) in poultry include sudden death, trouble breathing, clear runny discharge (from nose, mouth, and eyes), lethargy, decreased food and water intake, swelling (eyes, head, wattles, or combs), discolored or bruised comb, wattles, or legs, stumbling/falling or twisted neck. For more information, please visit our [CDFA HPAI H5N1 in Poultry](#)





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[webpage.](#)

The cooperation of cow and bird owners is critical in controlling this disease; when exposed cows and birds are not moved and comingled, disease spread can be prevented. We will continue to assess the threat over the next few months and rescind this ban if the situation changes. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Thank you for your cooperation.

For up-to-date information about the HPAI 2022-24 outbreak, you can check the [USDA APHIS Detections of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza webpage.](#)

Sincerely,

Dr. Annette Jones
State Veterinarian





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**Statewide Ban on Poultry and Dairy Cattle Exhibitions
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**
(Poultry, Dairy, Other Livestock, and General)

AVIAN/POULTRY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. Which types of birds does the ban affect at exhibitions, shows, or fairs?

The ban is intended to address the highest risk bird species related to avian influenza. This ban will affect chickens, turkeys, ducks, and upland game birds (i.e. pheasants, chukars). All other exhibitions, shows or sales with birds, including those with pigeons, psittacine, doves, Soft Bills, and Hookbills, will not be impacted by the ban at this time but are susceptible to the virus. At any exhibition or show we highly encourage careful observation and isolation of any apparently sick birds, good sanitation, and the implementation of measures that reduce the potential spread of any disease from bird to bird at these events.

Q. Does the ban apply to eggs or other egg exhibits, judging or sales?

No. Eggs are not currently included in the ban and do not apply to egg exhibitions, judging, or sales. Egg display disposal should follow good sanitation practices. For example, use disposable gloves to place eggs into a leakproof plastic bag, seal, and place into a secondary leakproof plastic bag, seal, and spray the outside of bag with a disinfectant such as Lysol, then dispose into a receptacle.

Q. Does the ban apply to incubator and/or hatching egg displays?

No. The heat used for these displays should inactivate the virus. The public should not have direct contact/access to hatching eggs or chicks. Hatched chicks should be observed for any health issues for 30 days. If any health concerns arise, contact the CDFA Sick Bird Hotline at 866-922-2473.

Q. Does the ban apply to poultry meat birds exhibited with a terminal sale?

Yes. Currently, the ban includes described poultry at fairs, shows, and exhibitions that have terminal sales. Contact cdfa.HPAInfo@cdfa.ca.gov for a current risk assessment in your area and to consider exemptions after March 1, 2025.

DAIRY COW QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. Which dairy cattle are affected by the ban?

The ban is intended to address the highest risk classes of cattle known to be associated with spreading H5N1 in California. While other classes of dairy cattle have been implicated in spread, the highest risk animals are bred cattle close to parturition (Springers), and lactating cows or recently dried off cows. While the role that replacement heifers play in spreading H5N1 needs further research, there is no reliable test to ensure they are not infected, and they





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are higher risk because they normally move to a dairy or are co-housed with dairy destination animals. Therefore, the ban includes replacement heifers, especially bred heifers (Springers), and lactating or recently dried off adult cows. Dairy cattle breeds include Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Holstein, Jersey, Guernsey, Milking Shorthorn, Red & Whites, and any cross bred dairy cattle. Hosting a dairy calving exhibit to the public at these facilities is prohibited.

Q. Does this ban apply to dairy bulls, feeder calves, and steers?

No, dairy bulls, feeder calves, and steers can be exhibited, as these classes of dairy cattle have not been strongly implicated in spreading H5N1 to dairies and generally are segregated or moved to harvest channels. Because these cattle may share equipment or facilities with dairy cows, careful observation and isolation of any apparently sick cattle, good sanitation, and the implementation of measures that reduce the potential spread of disease from animal to animal at these events remains important.

Q. Why are dairy cattle excluded from exhibitions when beef cattle are not?

The H5N1 virus thrives in cow milk and in the udders. This increases the risks of dairy cows over beef cows. Further, CDFA has no data suggesting that beef breeds have been infected or spread this virus, although more research related to breed susceptibility is needed. Finally, beef breeds generally move to harvest channels and not back to a dairy where they may spread disease. Because beef cattle may share equipment or facilities with dairy cows, careful observation and isolation of any apparently sick cattle, good sanitation, and the implementation of measures that reduce the potential spread of any disease from animal to animal at these events remains important.

Q. Will fairs with milking parlors be required to have protocols for the milk?

Milking parlors should not be used until this ban is lifted. All dairy cows residing at fairgrounds must be separated from the public.

Q. Can dairy heifers that have tested negative for H5N1, attend fairs, shows, exhibitions, or sales?

Not at this time. Currently, the most reliable test for H5N1 is using a milk sample. If a reliable test for non-lactating dairy cattle is developed or proposed, exemptions will be considered. This action is required to minimize the risk of exposure to outside sources of infection including animals and people. CDFA will re-evaluate these risks monthly. For shows occurring after March 1, 2025, contact cdfa.HPAInfo@cdfa.ca.gov for testing proposal evaluations.

Q. Can shows or sales of dairy heifers continue, if buyers agree to quarantine the animals prior to introducing the acquired animal into their herd?

No. Showing replacement heifers, springers, and adult lactating and dry dairy cows, is not permitted at this time, but risks will be evaluated monthly. This action is required to minimize the danger of exposing people and non-infected cows and birds to the disease. Exemption





proposals including all risk mitigation measures will be considered for fairs occurring after March 1, 2025. Please submit proposals for exceptions to cdfa.HPAInfo@cdfa.ca.gov.

OTHER LIVESTOCK QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. What considerations should be taken for other bird species or livestock that are not included in the ban?

We strongly encourage all exhibitions, shows, and fairs with any susceptible species to take extra precautions. If possible, avoid housing different species within the same space. Do not allow any apparently sick animals to be exhibited. Do not allow the public to touch or handle exhibited animals; if this is unavoidable, provide hand washing stations and/or hand sanitizer.

Q. Does this ban apply to dairy goats?

No. Dairy goats are not currently included in the ban.

Q. Are dairy goats susceptible to H5N1 Bird Flu?

There is no current evidence of dairy goat susceptibility, but this is part of ongoing research. If dairy goats are found susceptible, they will become an additional source of transmission to other animals and humans. We strongly encourage strict biosecurity measures in [multispecies farms](#) to prevent spill-over infections (an infection jumping from one species to another species).

GENERAL BAN RELATED QUESTIONS

Q. Why is California the only state that is putting out a ban? Why now?

The 2025 fair season started during a time when there is an unprecedented number of infected farms in California. Infected dairy cattle may be asymptomatic (not look sick) for two to three weeks yet still be able to spread the virus. As a result of high levels of infection and undetected transmission, the virus is spreading rapidly between dairies in California and infecting poultry flocks. In addition to the threat posed by infected dairies, poultry flocks are being infected by migratory birds. New cases of H5N1 are still being detected in California dairy and poultry flocks.

- As of January 24, 2025, there are 937 confirmed cases in dairy cattle across 16 states. CA makes up 720 of those cases. In the last 30 days, there were 40 new cases in dairy cattle nationwide; CA made up 35 of those. For the latest national updates on H5N1 in dairies, visit this [link](#).

Q. Can fairs submit proposals for exceptions? If yes, who can they submit them to?

Yes. Proposals will be considered for fairs occurring after March 1, 2025. Please submit proposals for exceptions to cdfa.HPAInfo@cdfa.ca.gov.





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Q. How long is the ban expected to continue?

This ban will remain in effect as long as the virus concentrations remain high in California dairies due to the risk of infecting other cattle, poultry farms, and people in close contact with infected animals. While we are starting to see many more dairies test negative for Bird Flu after recovering from infection, it is hard to predict when there will be a significant recovery Statewide. CDFA will re-evaluate the risks monthly.

Q. Does the ban apply to educational farms or petting zoos with poultry and dairy cattle?

Yes. All poultry and dairy cattle should be removed from educational farm and petting zoos for public interactions and exhibitions. Traveling (mobile) farms and petting zoos cannot include specified banned animals. Permanent educational farms and petting zoos cannot publicly exhibit the specified banned animals.

Q. Are virtual poultry and dairy cattle showmanship (no animals physically gathered on site) permitted?

Yes. All virtually hosted shows and sales for poultry and dairy cattle are excluded from the ban. This form of exhibition provides the most effective protection against disease spread from events where animals from different farms and regions physically gather in one place.

Q. Are there any special precautions for fairs in areas that are currently free from disease?

Northern California (Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Marin, Mendocino, Modoc, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Stutter, Trinity, Tehama, Yolo, Yuba) is currently free from H5N1 Bird Flu in dairy cattle and an introduction would be devastating to local dairy farmers and poultry ranchers. It is critical that all animal owners and exhibitors limit movement of potentially infected dairy cattle and poultry, and potentially contaminated equipment like trailers into this region. Fairs can play a part in protecting farmers through education and policies that reinforce a “no movement of Bird Flu virus here” perspective. Educational materials can be found on our [website](#).

Q. Will animals from H5N1 infected areas be allowed to exhibit at shows and fairs?

Only animals specified by the ban are prohibited from exhibitions at shows and fairs, even if they are from an H5N1 infected area. Note that a farm under State Quarantine due to active infection would not be allowed to exhibit animals, but there may be herds or flocks with yet to be detected or redetected infections. These undetected farms would not be under State Quarantine movement restrictions, which is one reason for banning the highest risk animals from co-mingling with other highly susceptible animals at fairs and exhibitions. In addition to following the statewide ban on poultry and dairy cattle exhibition, it is recommended that ALL fairs, shows, and exhibitions practice enhanced biosecurity to reduce the risk of animal disease transmission including but not limited to H5N1 Bird Flu.





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Q. Does the ban apply to animals originating from California and attending an exhibition, show, fair, or sale outside of the state?

The ban includes all poultry and dairy cattle attending a California exhibition, show, or fair. Animals attending out of state shows/exhibitions/fairs/sales would be subject to the rules of the [Federal Order https://www.aphis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/dairy-federal-order.pdf](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/dairy-federal-order.pdf) and any additional restrictions placed by the hosting state.

Q. What are CDFA's recommendations to protect my flocks/dairies from infection?

We urge all poultry flock and dairy herd owners to increase their biosecurity practices. Poultry owners can find recommendations at [CDFA](#) and [USDA](#) websites. Dairy herd owners can find biosecurity recommendations at [Protecting Your Herd Biosecurity Recommendations](#).

Q. Why is this ban important when considering the risk to humans?

While the current risk of H5N1 to the general public remains low, it is not zero. Risks of exposure and infection are significantly higher when humans interact with an infected animal. Poultry and dairy cattle are highly susceptible to this virus. The ban is in place to reduce the risk to all susceptible species, including humans, by temporarily banning the most highly susceptible species at shows, fairs, and exhibitions.

Q. How will CDFA provide adequate controls/requirements for exhibitors to shows and fairs once the ban is lifted to prevent the further spread of bird flu to non-infected premises/counties?

CDFA has been evaluating the risks of H5N1 Bird Flu to California agriculture since it was first detected in the United States in January 2022. The State Veterinarian works with epidemiologists to determine the risk factors and implements testing strategies, quarantines, and bans as needed to reduce the risk of disease spread. CDFA's education and outreach efforts began before this current outbreak and will continue indefinitely. These efforts include sharing animal health and disease mitigation practices including biosecurity recommendations through the CDFA website, social media, attending events fairs, shows, exhibitions, and presenting at agricultural clubs (FFA, 4H, school clubs).

Q. Will CDFA provide posters and educational materials for events to use such as public displays?

Yes. Educational materials can be found on our [website](#). These materials can be printed, displayed, and distributed. Reach out to our Public Information Officer at cdfa.HPAInfo@cdfa.ca.gov for recommended materials.

