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# PROTECTING BACKYARD FLOCKS

## FROM AVIAN INFLUENZA

### KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS!

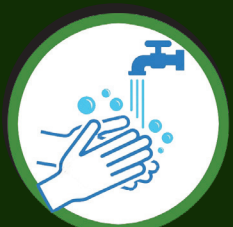
- Lack of energy and appetite
- Decreased egg production or softened/misshapen eggs
- Swelling of the head, eyelids, and comb
- Purple discoloration of the wattles, combs, and legs
- Stumbling, falling down, diarrhea
- Sudden death



Cover chicken coops and runs to prevent mixing with wild birds.



Wear dedicated clothing and shoes that should never leave the farm.



Wash hands before and after working with birds.



Keep all birds in coop to prevent contamination with waterfowl droppings.



Change food and water daily.



Remove birdhouses, feeders, and baths used by wild birds.



Clean and disinfect equipment in contact with birds or droppings including cellphones.



After visiting places where poultry owners congregate, clean your boots before caring for your own birds.