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To: Michele Richards
Subject: F2022-04 POULTRY HEALTH INSPECTIONS (PHI) – FY 2022/23 Fair Season



Good Afternoon,

Please find the attached Circular Letter F2022-04 below, which provides information on the USDA-funded FY 2022/23 Poultry Health Inspection (PHI) grant. All reimbursable costs for PHI's must be incurred between April 1, 2022, and March 31, 2023. Each fairgrounds has been allocated \$300.00 for reimbursable costs related to PHI's.

Please ensure that this information is shared with the fair board at the next regularly scheduled board meeting listed as an item of correspondence.

For future reference, you may view and download the F&E Circular Letters at <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/FairsAndExpositions/> which are located under the "Correspondence" tab.

Kind Regards,
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F2022-04 - PHI Funding for 2022/23 Fair Season



April 1, 2022

F2022-04

TO: All Fair CEO's

SUBJECT: POULTRY HEALTH INSPECTIONS (PHI) – FY 2022/23 Fair Season

This letter is to announce that there is grant funding through the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the Poultry Health Inspection (PHI) program which is available from April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023. Fairs must receive approval from local health authorities on a site-specific plan for hosting a fair or livestock event that includes poultry. Upon arrival at the fair (and before coop-in), all poultry shall be inspected for symptoms of disease or illness by a certified Poultry Health Inspector(s) (PHI) from the designated CDFA/UC Certification Program. Any suspect animals may be dismissed from the fairgrounds. In the case where the fairgrounds will hold marketing or breeding classes this year, the poultry coming onto the fairgrounds will need to be examined by a Poultry Health Inspector (PHI).

The Poultry Health Check Guidelines and a list of certified PHIs are enclosed for your reference. If you need assistance hiring or selecting a PHI, please contact **CDFA's Dr. Francine Bradley at (760) 699-5078**. Please visit the [UC Davis PHI program](#) and reference the ["Biosecurity Practices to Minimize Risk of Spreading Avian Diseases for Poultry Show and Exhibition Organizers"](#) factsheet for more information. Refer exhibitors to the ["Biosecurity Practices to Minimize Risk of Spreading Avian Disease for Poultry Exhibitors"](#) factsheet. Additional resources on biosecurity and bird health can be found on the [CDFA Avian Health Program webpage](#).

A few keynotes for the PHI inspections include:

1. **The Poultry Health Inspection (PHI) Program is a REQUIREMENT for all fairs and poultry shows.**
2. **PHI Posters MUST be on display prior to the inspector arriving. Otherwise, the inspector will wait to judge until the posters are hung.**
3. **The fairgrounds may only hire a PHI inspector who is deemed ACTIVE according to the [ACTIVE PHIs List](#) on the UC Davis website.**
4. **If reimbursable costs are incurred between April 1, 2022, and March 31, 2023, the PHI reimbursement will be processed for payment.**
5. **Each fair will be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred, up to \$300.00 per fiscal year. To be reimbursed, fairs must submit an invoice and**



backup documentation within sixty (60) days of the end of the fair and no later than March 1, 2023, related inspector(s) signed contract(s), and receipts to F&E at Kalia.Mitchell@cdfa.ca.gov. (Please see the example invoice attached).

The **invoice must be on Fair letterhead, and include** the following:

- ☐ Date of Invoice
- ☐ Dates of the Fair
- ☐ Date of the PHI
- ☐ Invoice number
- ☐ County with address
- ☐ Description of activity and a breakout of the expenses for each activity related to the PHI.
- ☐ Backup document is required
 - *A copy of the contract, mileage, and all backup to support the reimbursement request must be included.

6. Fairs with poultry shows will be reimbursed up to a maximum of \$300.00 inclusive for inspection fees, per diem, and materials associated with the PHI inspection. (please see specifics below).

See [CalHR](#) for reimbursable costs/rates. Below is the pay scale for inspection fees, based on the number of birds inspected.

Pay Scale for PHI Payment

Amount	Number of Birds
\$75	0-24
\$100	25 - 50
\$125	51 - 100
\$150	101-150
\$200	151-200
\$250	201-250
\$300	> 250

*Over 250 birds will require more than one PHI, but still a maximum of \$300/fair.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Kalia Mitchell at (916) 900-5274 or Kalia.Mitchell@cdfa.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Mike Francesconi, Branch Chief
Fairs & Expositions Branch
Enclosure

February 1, 2021

Field Biosecurity Guidelines for State/County/City Personnel Entering Shell Egg Packing Facilities, Poultry Harvest Facilities, and Poultry Farms

To: All California State/County/City Personnel

The winter migratory bird season is underway and with it comes the possible return of Avian Influenza (AI). Conditions are similar to those in Winter of 2015 when two strains (H5N8 and H5N2) of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) were detected along the Pacific Coast, in wild birds, backyard flocks, and in two separate commercial poultry flocks in California. The 2015 HPAI outbreak in the Midwest resulted in the death of nearly 50 million commercial egg layers and turkeys.

Two key factors make Winter 2021 similar to that of 2015:

- 1) A high number of HPAI outbreaks (H5N8 and other strains) in poultry and wild birds in several Asian countries. This is key as three of the major flyways (East Asia/Australasia, Pacific Americas, Central Americas) mix in Alaska where birds can swap AI viruses. Birds in the Pacific Americas Flyway then migrate through California.
- 2) California is experiencing a late wet season with less standing surface water, forcing birds to closely congregate at stopovers and making it easier for diseases to spread between birds.

Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI) is endemic in wild waterfowl and the same factors that increase the risk for HPAI transmission are the same for LPAI transmission. This is a continual hazard every winter. The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) asks for your assistance and cooperation in preventing the introduction and spread of this devastating poultry disease by following some simple biosecurity precautions. With your help we can continue to provide a safe and healthy food supply for Californians. State, County, City, and private inspectors and auditors should adhere to the following:

- 1) When possible, conduct remote or virtual audits.
- 2) If in-person inspections or visits to poultry farms must occur:
 - a. Do not enter farms where eggs are hatched or poultry are raised if you have birds or live poultry at home.
 - b. Never visit any poultry farm within 72 hours of visiting another commercial poultry farm, egg or meat processor; after duck hunting or having had other exposure to wild migratory waterfowl; or visiting any backyard, school, feed



- store, swap meet, live bird market, pet store, fair, veterinary clinic, zoo, bird hunt club, or other facility which has live poultry or birds.
- c. Always wash your vehicle including undercarriage and wheel wells before entering a farm/egg processing facility. A commercial car wash can be used for this purpose.
 - i. Park your vehicle in a designated area per the company's biosecurity plan or if there is none, try to park on cement or a paved area away from the production houses.
 - ii. Keep the inside of the vehicle clean and free of any organic material.
 - d. Use good personal hygiene measures including freshly laundered clothes and showering before visiting a poultry farm or processing facility. Clothing that has been worn to premises with birds or live poultry should *never* be worn to another farm or processing facility without being laundered between visits.
 - e. Never enter a poultry farm unless trained to apply and remove (don and doff) biosecurity clothing without spreading disease. If entering live bird areas, use clean, dedicated rubber boots or disposable plastic shoe covers, disposable coveralls, a mask, disposable gloves and a hair net.
 - f. **ALWAYS follow all the biosecurity instructions of the commercial poultry farm/egg processing facility which may include: registering in a logbook, answering queries about bird and poultry premises visited previously, using company supplied protective clothing and footwear, footbaths, hand cleaning stations, tire/truck wash stations and other biosecurity measures.**

CDFA appreciates your efforts to protect poultry health in California on a daily basis. Remember, people, equipment, and vehicles can easily spread dangerous diseases from one location to another.

For more information about biosecurity, please visit: cdfa.ca.gov/go/poultrybiosecurity

Sincerely,

Dr. Annette Jones, D.V.M.
Director and State Veterinarian

POULTRY HEALTH CHECK GUIDE

SEVERE DISEASES



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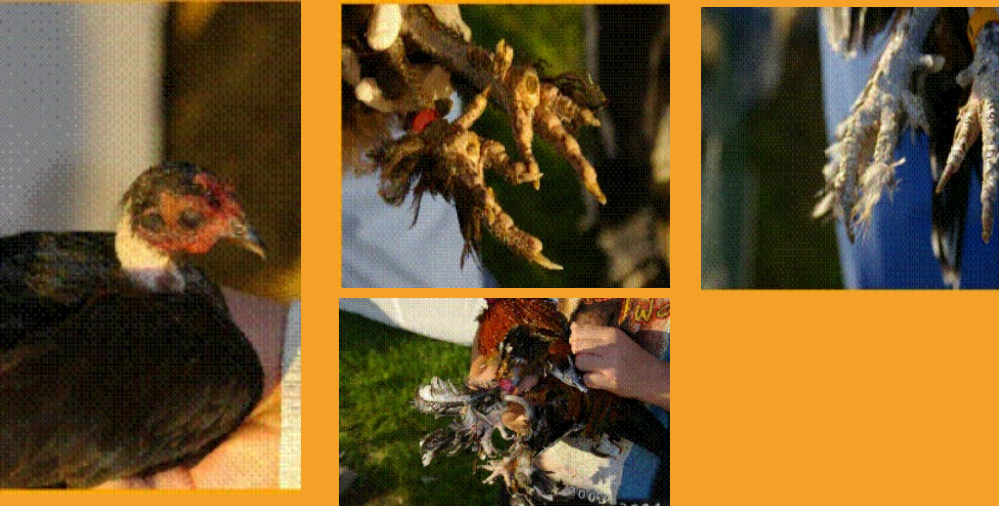
- Stop Coop-in. Quarantine.
- Divert arriving exhibitors.
- Have Fair staff call the Fair's contract veterinarian.

If the veterinarian confirms your suspicions of a severe disease situation, then call CDFA's Hot-Line 1-866-922-2473

Your call will be routed to the appropriate CDFA Field Veterinarian.

UNWANTED CONDITIONS

ACTION: Excuse with additional instructions



CONDITIONS NEEDING ATTENTION POST-SHOW

ACTION: Excuse with additional instructions



CONDITIONS INCLUDE: slight bare back, cataracts, moderately overgrown spurs, and razor keel.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR BIRDS HEALTHY



1. **Wash hands before and after handling or coming in contact with your birds; have dedicated clothing and boots while tending to your birds; scrub and disinfect boots.**



2. **Avoid sharing equipment with neighbors or other bird owners unless thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before and after each use.**



3. **Do your best to prevent waterfowl and wild birds from coming in contact with your birds.**



4. **Always buy your birds from a National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) Hatchery.**



5. **Report an unusual number of sick or dead birds to: Sick Bird Hotline 1-866-922-BIRD (2473)**

