

HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR BIRDS IF A NOTIFIABLE DISEASE IS IN YOUR AREA?

Register your flock!

Registration is a legal requirement if you own 50 or more poultry, and a wise step to take if you own fewer than 50. If a notifiable disease is found in your area, Defra will advise you immediately by text and you will be better placed to help your birds FAST.

Here are some simple steps to help protect your poultry in the event of an outbreak:

- Bring all your poultry inside
- Don't move poultry or eggs off your land (movement licences are required if you are within 10km of an outbreak – contact the APHA for more information)
- Remove all outdoor feed and water stations, thereby discouraging wild birds to visit
- If you cannot bring your birds inside, cover their coop to prevent wild bird droppings

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Keeping poultry is rewarding and and by following a few simple rules to maintain a happy and healthy flock

- Sourcing fully vaccinated birds from a reputable supplier gives your poultry the right start
- Adoption of ex-commercial hens from fully vaccinated hens

Essentials to good husbandry include:

- Commitment to daily care
- Secure accommodation
- Good hygiene
- Daytime access to fresh water and food
- Prevent wild birds and vermin stealing poultry food
- Routine health care such as regular worming and treatment for parasites



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Helpful guidance on keeping your hens in the event of a notifiable disease, such as Avian Influenza (AI). It may never happen, but being forewarned makes you forearmed.

The information is to help you understand there is a serious problem so you can take appropriate action. Disease among poultry can spread FAST and knowing what a responsible poultry keeper is v



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Find out more about keeping hens by visiting one of the websites below:

- www.bhwt.org.uk
- poultryclubofgreatbritain.co.uk
- www.nfuonline.com/avianflu
- bfrepa.co.uk



NOTIFIABLE DISEASES, THE FACTS:

There are two poultry notifiable diseases in the UK: Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease
These diseases are most commonly carried by waterfowl – ducks, geese and other wild



ACTION SHOULD YOU TAKE

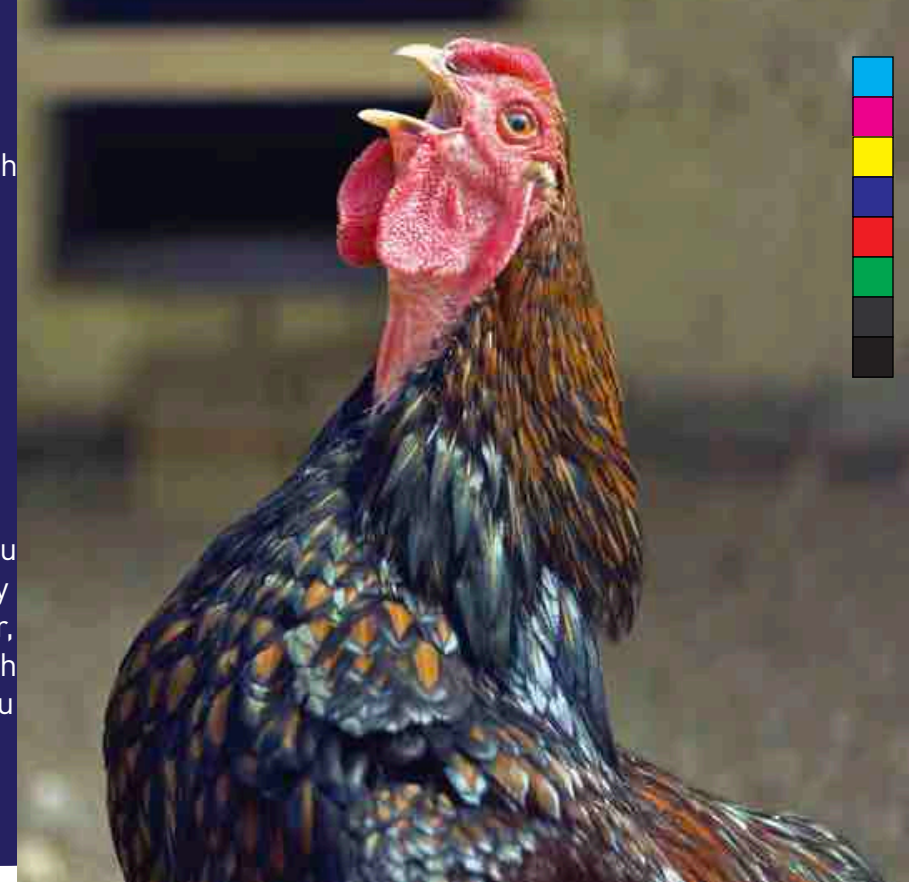


NOTIFIABLE AT YOUR BIRDS?

Poultry may experience the following signs of ill health:

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• Feather loss may simply be a normal moult process. However, if you notice feather loss above or your birds die, this may indicate a serious disease and you should take action.



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