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Notification of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Victoria

This email has been sent for and on behalf of Dr Mary Carr, Chief Veterinary Officer, Biosecurity SA, Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA). If you have any questions about this communication, please contact PIRSA directly: www.pir.sa.gov.au

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza has been confirmed in a layer flock in Victoria.

Information regarding the outbreak can be found in the below links:

<https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/about/media-centre/media-releases/victorian-property-positive-for-avian-influenza>

<https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/animal-diseases/poultry-diseases/avian-influenza-bird-flu>

While avian influenza outbreaks historically have been contained through rapid response measures we do ask that you remain alert to any mortality/illness events in poultry and wild birds. Report these events to PIRSA through the **Emergency Animal Disease Hotline: 1800 675 888**.

PIRSA covers the investigation costs for cases where there is a suspicion an Emergency Animal Disease may be occurring.

Further information regarding Avian Influenza and biosecurity practices to reduce the risk can be found on the PIRSA Animal Health website:

https://www.pir.sa.gov.au/biosecurity/animal_health/poultry/avian_influenza

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