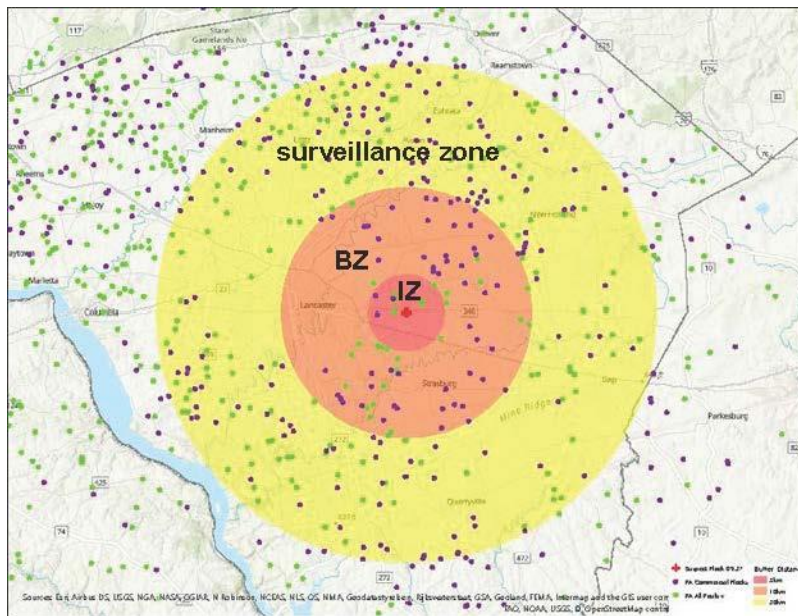


Moving Poultry into a HPAI Control Area

During an outbreak of HPAI, it may be necessary to restock a poultry premises located in a control area around a flock which was infected with HPAI. There are federal and state protocols in place to allow restocking while reducing the risk of the new flock being infected with HPAI after placement.

A Control Area consists of an Infected Zone (IZ) - a 3 kilometer radius around an infected flock, and a Buffer Zone (BZ) - a 7 kilometer radius around the Infected Zone.



Due to the risk of placing birds near an infected premises, USDA discourages the movement of live birds into an Infected Zone and chooses not to subsidize this risk. Therefore, USDA will not accept claims for indemnity for premises on which birds are placed in an Infected Zone. Refer to the USDA guidance document at this link:

[Permitting Live Poultry into an Infected Zone: Claims for USDA Indemnity Not Considered.](#)

Movements of birds into a Buffer Zone may be eligible for USDA indemnity if all requirements for the movement are met. To move birds into a BZ, a movement permit must be applied for and provided by state officials. To obtain a permit to move birds into a BZ, an on-site biosecurity audit must be successfully completed. These audits are performed by USDA or state officials, and may be performed virtually.

The process for a biosecurity audit includes:

1. Submit a movement permit request through the EMRS Gateway or with PDA, far enough in advance of the placement date so all requirements can be met. An approved written biosecurity plan is required along with your permit application. If the movement of birds is into a BZ, an on-site biosecurity audit will be required.

2. A state or federal official will contact the permit applicant to schedule a biosecurity audit, and to determine if the audit can be completed virtually. A virtual audit can best be performed using a virtual meeting application on a cell phone or tablet. If there is no cell or wi-fi signal available at the farm location, an in-person audit or an audit using time-stamped photos may be possible. However, using photos instead of a virtual application can prolong the virtual audit process considerably.
3. There are two USDA forms which must be completed for the audit. These forms can be provided to you before the audit so that you can be prepared, and the audit can go smoothly. One of the forms is a questionnaire about on-farm practices, employees, recent traffic, recent bird movements, etc., which you may fill out yourself before the audit, and review with the state or federal official during your scheduled audit. The second form, which is an evaluation of the farm biosecurity, will be completed by the auditor in real time. A virtual audit often takes approximately 1.5 to two hours, if you are prepared for it and your biosecurity plan and implementation of that plan is in order.
4. Once the audit is completed, the auditor will send a copy over email for your signature or the signature of your representative, and after you return it, the forms are sent to USDA for evaluation and approval. This may take a day or two, depending on the number of audits being completed and the availability of personnel to review the forms.
5. Approved audit forms are provided to the permitting unit so your permit can be approved.

Important links and phone numbers

1. Sick Bird Reporting Line: 717-772-2852, option 1 (24/7)
2. Biosecurity plan submission: RA-AGBIOSECURITYPLAN@pa.gov
3. Premises registration or premises ID questions: RA-PREMISE-ID@PA.GOV or call 717-772-2852, and choose option 5
4. Permitting questions: RA-AG-PAPERMITS@pa.gov or call 717-772-2852, and choose option 1, followed by option 4. More permitting information is available on the PADLS website at [Permitting Information](#) under the permitting tab
5. For specific product permit guidance, refer to the PADLS website: HPAI PA Permit Guidance Table [HPAI PA Permit Guidance Table](#)
6. Control Zone Address Checker Map on the PADLS website: [HPAI Address Checker Map](#)
7. HPAI Sampling/Submitting Information on the PADLS website: [HPAI Sampling/Submission Information](#)
8. Additional HPAI Response Information—USDA APHIS: [HPAI Response Documents- USDA](#)
(<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/emergency-management/hpai/fadprep-hpai>)
9. For information concerning restocking of a premises which was previously infected with HPAI, refer to the following USDA document, available on the PADLS website under the HPAI tab: **HPAI Response; Timeline, Eligibility, and Approval for Restocking February 28, 2022**: [HPAI Response: Timeline, Eligibility, and Approval for Restocking \(usda.gov\)](#)