

STATE OF OHIO
Department of Agriculture
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
Reynoldsburg, Ohio

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the High Path Avian Influenza (HPAI) is an extremely contagious virus that has recently spread throughout the nation including several neighboring states affecting more than forty-seven million birds and over two hundred premises; and

WHEREAS, HPAI is spread through the saliva, nasal secretions, and feces of infected birds, including the transference from the wild bird population migrating through the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, exhibitions, auctions, swap meets and other public shows and sales where birds coming pose a high risk for the spread of HPAI; and

WHEREAS, HPAI has been identified by the Ohio Department of Agriculture as a dangerously contagious or infectious disease under Section 941.03 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to protect Ohio's commercial poultry industry which contributes 2.3 billion dollars to the state's economy and accounts for more than fourteen thousand jobs;

NOW THEREFORE, I, David T. Daniels, Director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture for the State of Ohio, pursuant to rule 901:1-21-02(B) of the Ohio Administrative Code, do hereby prohibit, the movement, show and exhibition of all birds, including exotic and specialty species, at the Ohio State Fair and all county and independent fairs held in the State of Ohio and the movement of all birds, including exotic and specialty species at public shows and sales (including flea markets, swap meets, sale barns).

This Proclamation hereby revokes the HPAI Proclamation which went into effect on June 2, 2015. This Proclamation shall take effect on this 12th day of June, 2015, and shall be effective until April 1, 2016 or until such a time as it is revoked or amended by this Department.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Seal of the Ohio Department of Agriculture to be affixed at Reynoldsburg, Ohio; this 12th day of June, in the year Two Thousand Fifteen.



David T. Daniels
Ohio Department of Agriculture

ATTEST: 
