



NetPoulSafe

BASIC HYGIENE MEASURES AGAINST AVIAN INFLUENZA INFECTIONS



KEY POINTS

- Avian influenza is a highly contagious disease
- By maintaining hygiene status of farm and following basic biosecurity standards, we can significantly reduce the risk of contamination of the poultry farm / flock



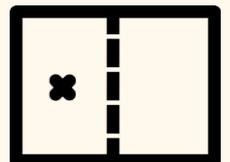
- Introduction of birds

if possible, poultry from only one source and with a well-known flock health status - with official certificates by veterinarians - should be purchased



- Application of zones

use black and white zone implementation on the farm to separate the high risk areas – dirty zone – from the low ones – clean zone



- Enclosed barns

it is a fundamental fact that enclosed poultry houses are less risky to be infected than the other housing systems - like free range or half-closed



- Bedding

keep the litter undercover and away from wild birds and check the quality before take inside the barn



- Staff

pay careful attention to continuous biosecurity training of farmworkers



- Visitors and vehicles

keep accurate, well-maintained records of all persons and vehicles coming in the farm



- Pest control

implement a pest control program of wild birds, rodents and insects by an official expert company



- Regular veterinary health monitoring and review

crucial the regular herd checks and necropsies by the farm veterinarian

review the biosecurity plan of the farm and flock health program with farm veterinarian on a regular basis



For more information:

- NETPOULSAFE project : <https://www.netpoulsafe.eu>

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