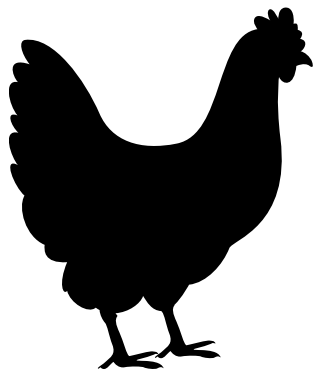
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Avian Influenza (Bird Flu)

Peak Migratory Bird Season:
October - December

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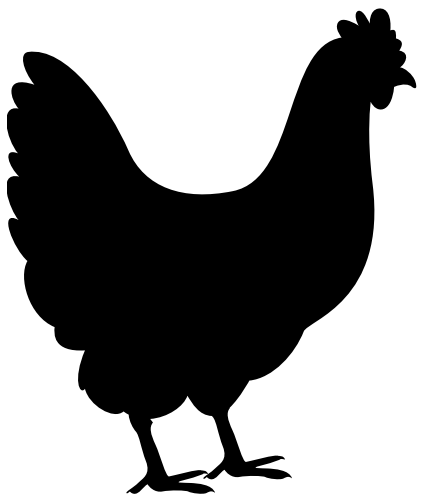
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Bird flu is a highly contagious disease caused by certain Type A influenza viruses. It primarily affects wild birds and poultry, but some strains can also infect mammals, including humans.

Migratory birds represent the biggest risk of the reintroduction of the avian influenza viruses into local bird flocks:

- Wild birds may expose local birds to the virus.
- Infected birds and contaminated environments can pose a risk to poultry.
- Movement between farms can increase the risk of spread.
- Indigenous birds can move the virus from farm to farm

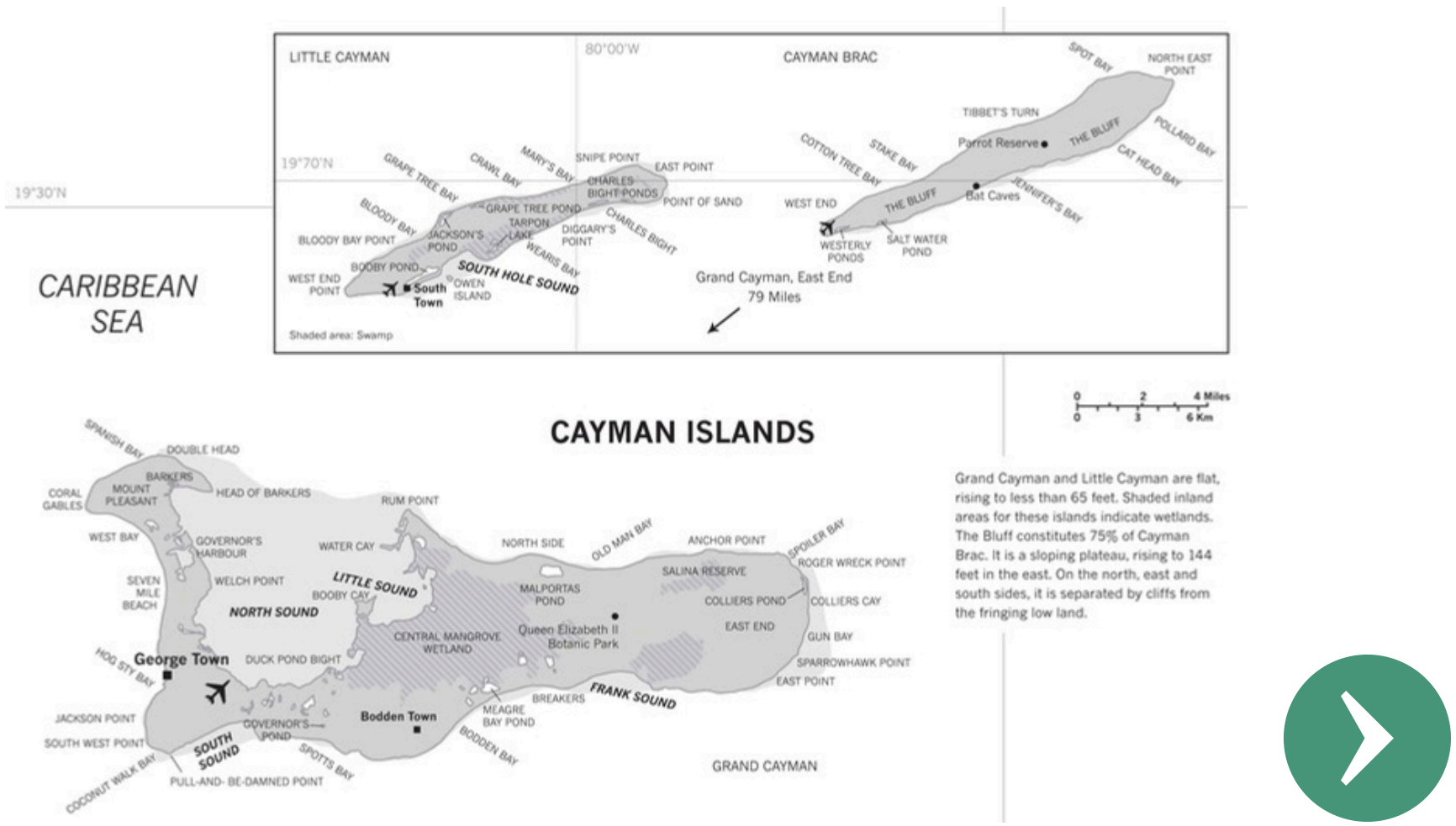
Protect your flock. Stay alert this season.

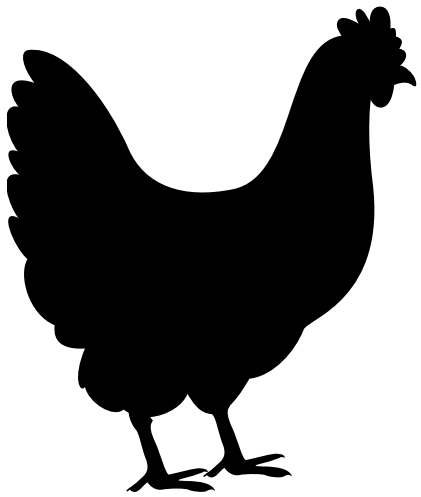


Areas of Increased Risk:
Poultry & Waterfowl

Be especially vigilant, high-risk areas include:

- Farms located around ponds
- Farms permitting the access of migratory birds amongst poultry
- Wildlife rehabilitation groups
- Wild bird exhibits/parks





Clinical Signs of Avian Flu

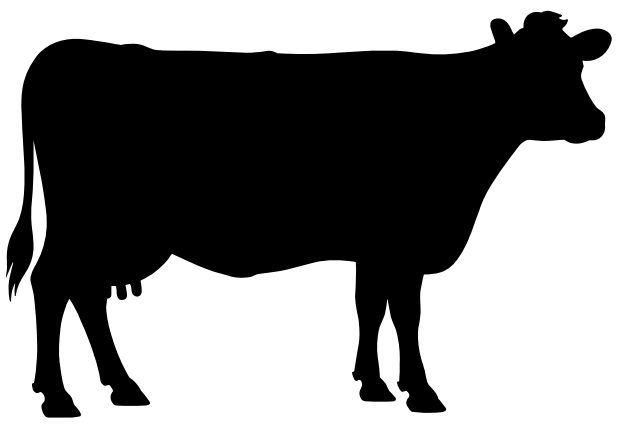
Poultry & Waterfowl

Check your poultry regularly and report any birds showing:

- Sudden or unexplained deaths
- Runny eyes or nasal discharge
- Lethargy or loss of appetite
- Neurological signs (tremors, head twisting, paralysis)
- Blue or purplish combs/wattles
- Swelling or reddening of the legs
- Diarrhea or loose, discoloured droppings
- Respiratory signs - breathing distress, conjunctivitis

Contact the Department of Agriculture's Veterinary Services immediately on (345) 947-3090. If you notice any of the listed symptoms, and do not touch the birds.

Waterbirds may show no clinical signs
(e.g. West Indian Whistling Ducks)



Clinical Signs of Avian Flu

Livestock (Cattle, Goats, Sheep, Pigs)

Check your livestock and report any of the following immediately:

- Sudden drop in milk production
- Abnormal milk appearance
- Low appetite
- Lethargy
- Tacky or loose feces
- Respiratory signs (coughing, nasal discharge, difficulty breathing)
- **Sheep & Goats**: Signs of mastitis (inflammation of the udder)
- **Pigs**: Symptoms similar to those listed above

Important: Isolate affected animals or herds immediately and contact the Department of Agriculture's Veterinary Services on (345) 916-2218 or (345) 947-3090.



Clinical Signs of Avian Flu
Humans

If you or a family member begin to experience any of the following:

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Red or irritated eyes

Especially, when you have recently had contact with birds or been near areas where sick or dead birds were found, you are advised to contact the Public Health Department immediately for guidance.
Call: 244-2889 | 244-2621 | 244-2561

Symptoms typically appear 4–6 days after exposure.

Farmers: Improve Biosecurity Measures

Help protect your birds and your farm:

1. Limit unnecessary farm traffic and visitors.
2. Keep wild birds away from poultry, feed and water.
3. Maintain accurate flock and mortality records.
4. Clean and disinfect premises and equipment regularly using an approved disinfectant, such as Virkon S, according to its label.
5. Quarantine newly introduced birds and seek veterinary guidance before mixing them with your flock.

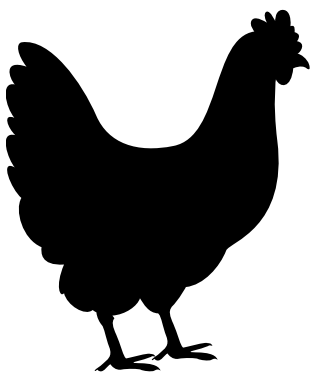
Good biosecurity helps reduce the risk of disease entering and spreading on your farm.





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Disposal of Dead Chickens Advisory

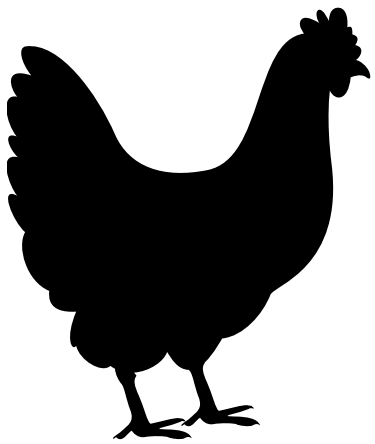
The Department of Department of Agriculture (DoA) and Department of Environmental Health (DEH) advises the public:

If you find a single dead chicken:

- **Safely bag and dispose of the bird.**
- **Avoid direct contact with the bird and use appropriate protective measures (gloves).**
- **For more information, review the prevent the transmission of H1N1 Avian Flu Flyer**

If you find multiple sick or dead birds:

- **Report the situation to the DoA promptly.**
- **Avoid handling, moving or disposing of the birds until you receive instructions from DoA.**
- **Samples may need to be collected by authorised personnel for investigation.**



Report Immediately:

947-3090

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All Avian Influenza cases must be reported to the DoA on, 947-3090 (press 0), or submit the Poultry Health Report online at: https://arcg.is/10jfDP1.

#Help Keep Cayman Safe

Prevention is key. Stay vigilant. Respond Quickly.

If you see it, report it.