

## AVIAN INFLUENZA UPDATE

Around 7 million pullets, broilers, turkeys and other poultry have been declared affected with the "hot strain" of Avian Influenza. Everyone is aware of the tremendous financial impact this is having on all phases of the poultry industry. The quarantine area restrictions continue to tighten in an effort to control the spread of this deadly virus. Naturally, because of these restrictions, business as usual cannot continue. With the exception of one layer flock in New Jersey, Avian Influenza has been contained within the quarantine area, so the industry efforts seem to be working.

We will be very willing to counsel with any poultrymen in regard to any of the following items:

- 1. Methods to reduce spread of the AI virus.
- 2. Cleaning and disinfecting procedures.
- 3. Financial planning.
- 4. Future plans for your operation.

Please call any of the dealers listed below for information on AI, or any Ralston Purina Co. related programs.

Below are some phone numbers that may be helpful to you.

USDA Permits to move poultry or eggs 1-800-358-3344 569-8592 569-8593 USDA Diagnostic Reporting Center 1-800-358-3344 569-8594 569-8595

## Pennsylvania Poultry Federation 569-5351 569-5352

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