

OVERVIEW ON PUBLIC SALE, EXHIBITION AND SWAP MEET BAN



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On May 1, 2022, the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry and the USDA confirmed a second positive case of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in a commercial poultry flock in Sequoyah County, OK.

ODAFF announced a ban on all poultry exhibitions, public sales and swap meet sales of poultry within Oklahoma until July 30, 2022. The purpose of this ban is to allow ODAFF to access the scope and range of HPAI in our state and halt any potential spread. It is essential to stop the commingling of poultry species and limit the potential of spread of this virus.

Can we continue selling chicks or live poultry in feed stores?

- Feed and retail stores can continue selling current in-stock inventory of live chicks, but they are to not restock chicks until the ban has been lifted.

Am I allowed to continue selling eggs and chicken meat at Farmers Markets?

- Yes - there is no ban on selling eggs or chicken meat. We ask anyone selling eggs to enhance biosecurity measures and not wear the same clothing/shoes from the farm to the farmers market to reduce the potential of spread.

Can I sell my poultry privately?

- Yes - there is no ban on private treaty sales. Individuals selling birds are allowed to continue their sales as long as it's individual to individual and not in a public setting. Our goal is to eliminate the commingling of poultry species (or people that are consistently around poultry) while HPAI is circulating. Mail order or from hatchery directly to a person are examples of how birds can still be sold private treaty. Individuals can not sell poultry to a feed store for resale under this ban.

I own a hatchery. What orders can I fulfill?

- The orders to private citizens can continue to be filled. However, wholesale orders to distributors like Atwoods/Tractor Supply Stores. should be halted immediately.