

AVIAN INFLUENZA OUTBREAKS REPORTED IN DELAWARE AND MARYLAND

Canada Geese and Snow Geese are highly susceptible to the Avian flu and negative effects can cause mortality and large die-offs. Large die offs in Delaware have resulted in over 200 dead birds. It is unknown where the affected geese have acquired the virus due to their migratory nature and contact with other waterfowl and water birds while traveling the Atlantic flyway.



Human infections are rare and risk to the public is low. However, State officials urge the public to refrain from touching/handling any sick or deceased birds. If a property owner wants to remove a dead wild bird on their property themselves, they should wear gloves, a mask, and safety glasses during disposal. Place dead fowl in two zip-tied trash bags.

Last year we had a number of dead birds in our community. We bagged them as directed and removed them from the common grounds.

Going forward we will work with Envirotech on ways to reduce our goose population. Envirotech has programs to deter large population of Canada geese to reduce the potential spread of Avian flu infections. Community members can help by not feeding the geese and contributing to an increase in our goose population.