



ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE - STATEWIDE MANDATORY BULK-TANK HPAI TESTING

Effective Date: 7/22/2024

Purpose of Order: Survey for, identify, and isolate instances of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in dairy herds to prevent further spread of the virus amongst dairy and poultry farms.

Pursuant to section 35-50-109(2), C.R.S., the Commissioner of Agriculture, by her designee, the Colorado State Veterinarian, hereby issues this Order of Mandatory Testing (“Order”).

As of the effective date of this Order, all CDPHE-licensed dairy cow farms in the state of Colorado must submit weekly bulk-tank samples for testing as set forth below.

For purposes of this Order, a “Colorado CDPHE licensed dairy cow farm” means any premises with lactating dairy cattle that produces fluid milk, butter, pasteurized cheese and cheese products, frozen desserts, ice cream, pasteurized ice cream, dry whole milk, nonfat dry milk, dry buttermilk, dry whey, evaporated milk (whole or skim), condensed whole milk (excluding sweetened condensed milk), condensed skim milk, cottage cheese, dry curd cottage cheese, low-fat cottage cheese, and other such products for human consumption.

Pursuant to this Order of Mandatory Testing:

- Weekly bulk-tank samples must be collected from every CDPHE-licensed dairy cow farm in Colorado that is not under any separate order of quarantine or order for testing;
 - Dairies released from HPAI quarantines while this Order is in place will be subject to weekly testing under this Order.
- Such samples must be collected by CDPHE-certified collection samplers on a weekly basis;
- Such collected samples must be submitted to the CSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory by the sampler; and
- Any dairy that has a non-negative bulk tank test result will be placed under quarantine pursuant to section 35-50-111(3), C.R.S., under terms and conditions that will be set forth separately in an order of quarantine.
- All dairy producers must comply with all epidemiologic investigation requirements established by the State Veterinarian or her designee.

This Order shall remain in effect unless it be modified, vacated, or otherwise released by





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subsequent order of the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Colorado State Veterinarian, or an authorized representative thereof.

This is a lawful order of the Commissioner of Agriculture, Colorado Department of Agriculture. Any failure or refusal to comply will result in immediate referral to the Colorado Office of the Attorney General for civil enforcement and to local law enforcement for criminal enforcement.

So ordered this 22nd day of July 2024.

For the Commissioner of Agriculture,

Maggie Baldwin, DVM
State Veterinarian

