Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)

Animal Protein
North America

Poultry, Eggs

Thank you for requesting information regarding Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) for Cargill poultry and egg products. Cargill places an extremely high importance on ensuring food safety and quality for our customers. Cargill is an active participant in a joint commitment with customers to deliver the highest level of food safety and quality in our products.

Cargill's poultry and egg product supply chains are subject to rigorous Cargill and government oversight programs to detect and minimize any risks of avian influenza. Cargill is a registered participant in the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) and is testing birds for Avian Influenza according to this plan. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has concluded that pasteurization or cooking is effective in destroying the avian influenza virus, if present. In addition the Canadian Government uses two different bird surveillance programs to detect Avian Influenza (AI) viruses posing threats to domestic. The first program targets wild birds; the second one focuses on domestic flocks. Please see the below links for more information for United States and Canadian government oversight

Avian influenza outbreaks have shown no transmission to humans in the United States. Avian influenza has not been shown to spread through raw commercial eggs. Avian influenza continues to be an animal health issue and not an issue with food safety or human health. Cargill employs many biosecurity measures to prevent the spread of HPAI.

More information about Avian Influenza can also be found at:

Egg Safety Center by the United Egg Producers: http://www.eggsafety.org/ Egg Industry Center: http://www.ans.iastate.edu/EIC/

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdc.gov/flu/avianflu/

USDA Avian Influenza: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/avian/avian- influenza/ai

CFIA - Overview of Avian Influenza Prevention, Preparedness and Response: https://inspection.canada.ca/animal-health/terrestrial-animals/diseases/reportable/avian-influenza/eng/1323990856863/1323991018946

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