

REVOCAION OF QUARANTINE OF SMALL FLOCKS

(Fewer than 3,000 Birds, All Subtypes of AI)

Note: Growers should not repopulate poultry houses until they are released from quarantine. By law, birds brought into a poultry house under quarantine are not eligible for indemnity.

Revocation of a Premises Quarantine through depopulation of small flocks:

Under the direction of RI DEM Division of Agriculture (DAG) or USDA, birds are depopulated, removed from the house, and disposed of by the following method(s):

- Composting on the premises outside the poultry house(s),
- Composting in the poultry house,
- Burial on the premises,
- Burial at a landfill,
- Incineration, or
- Chemical digestion.

A poultry house is not released from quarantine following depopulation of birds until the manure from that house has been properly handled, according to the protocol [Handling Litter, Cleaning and Disinfection for Revocation of Quarantine](#) (6-9-AI-P31 in the RI DEM ERP).

The RI DEM Division of Agriculture reserves the right to amend the above mentioned requirements for Avian Influenza with the goal of any changes still being to prevent, contain and eliminate the disease. Changes to the general guidelines of the protocol may result from information including, but not limited to, virus strain, pathogenicity, morbidity and mortality, movement of birds and products, and additional epidemiological information obtained as a result of avian influenza investigations.