

## **DISPOSITION OF EGGS FROM A FLOCK QUARANTINED DUE TO AI**

CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET FOR THE RELEASE OF EGGS FROM QUARANTINE.

- ❑ To have eggs released from quarantine, each flock owner must submit a plan that addresses the requirements listed below for approval by the DEM Division of Agriculture.
- ❑ Wood materials are not easily cleaned and disinfected and thus should not be used for transport of quarantined eggs.
- ❑ If possible, egg transport materials should be returned to the premises from which they came.

REQUIREMENTS FOR EGGS PROCESSED ON-FARM:

- ❑ Permission for transport of washed eggs:
  - Eggs may be transported under written permit only.
- ❑ Washing of eggs:
  - Eggs must be washed with an approved detergent and sanitized with an approved sanitizer.
- ❑ Packing materials:
  - All eggs must be packed in disposable packing materials or must be packed in plastic packing materials that have been cleaned and disinfected.
  - Disposable packing materials may not be used more than once.
  - Disposable packing materials must be properly disposed of after being used (this includes the utilization of dedicated dumpsters if materials are not incinerated on site). Disposal must be addressed in the plan presented to the DEM Division of Agriculture for approval.
  - Packing materials used for eggs from a quarantined flock must be kept in a designated area of the cooler and must not contaminate other materials or eggs.
- ❑ Transport vehicles:
  - Transport vehicles must be cleaned and disinfected on the outside as they leave the farm.
  - Transport vehicles must deliver eggs directly to a wholesale or retail facility and must not visit another farm before delivering the eggs and being cleaned and disinfected inside and outside.

EGGS TRANSPORTED OFF-FARM FOR PROCESSING:

- ❑ Permission for transport of unwashed eggs:
  - Eggs may be transported under written permit only.

- Packing materials:
  - All eggs must be packed in disposable packing materials or must be packed in plastic packing materials that have been cleaned and disinfected.
  - Disposable packing materials may not be used more than once.
  - Disposable packing materials must be properly disposed of after being used (this includes the utilization of dedicated dumpsters, if materials are not incinerated on site). Disposal must be addressed in the plan presented to the DEM Division of Agriculture for approval.
  - Packing materials used for eggs from a quarantined flock must be kept in a designated area of the cooler and must not contaminate other materials or eggs.
- Transport vehicles:
  - Transport vehicles must be cleaned and disinfected on the outside as they leave the farm.
  - Transport vehicles must be cleaned and disinfected inside and outside after leaving a processing plant and prior to visiting another farm.
- Mixing of Eggs at the Plant:
  - Quarantined eggs may not be mixed with non-quarantined eggs before being washed and sanitized.
  - Quarantined eggs should be the last delivery of the day to the plant, or the plant should have dedicated days for delivery of quarantined eggs only.
  - The plant must clean and disinfect (or dispose of) egg transport materials and must clean and disinfect delivery and storage areas utilized for quarantined, unwashed eggs.

#### EGGS DESTINED FOR A HATCHERY:

- Permission for transport of eggs:
  - Eggs may be transported under written permit only.
- Disinfection/fumigation of eggs:
  - Eggs must be thoroughly sprayed with an approved disinfectant or fumigated with formaldehyde or other approved product before leaving the quarantined farm.
- Transport vehicles:
  - Transport vehicles must be cleaned and disinfected on the outside as they leave the quarantined farm after picking up eggs.
  - Transport vehicles must deliver eggs directly to a hatchery and must not visit another farm before delivering the eggs and being cleaned and disinfected inside and outside.
- Packing materials:
  - All eggs must be packed in disposable packing materials or in plastic packing materials that have been cleaned and disinfected.
  - Disposable packing materials may not be used more than once.

- Disposable packing materials must be properly disposed of after being used (this includes the utilization of dedicated dumpsters if materials are not incinerated on site). Disposal must be addressed in the plan presented to the DEM Division of Agriculture for approval.
- Packing materials used for eggs from a quarantined flock must be kept in a designated area of the cooler and must not contaminate other materials or eggs.

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.