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## **SCOTT COUNTY CHICKEN TESTS POSITIVE FOR AVIAN FLU**

*Department of Health says no public-health risk*

**LITTLE ROCK** – The Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission received confirmation Tuesday afternoon that a chicken in a Boles, Arkansas, chicken house has tested positive for H7 Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza.

Thirty Livestock and Poultry personnel are setting up a quarantine of all poultry within a 6.2-mile radius of the growing operation where the infected bird was located. They are coordinating their response and additional testing with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Only the USDA can officially confirm avian flu cases.

Chickens tend to contract avian flu via infected waterfowl or water contaminated by waterfowl. Livestock and Poultry officials believe the recent flooding in Scott County contributed to this transmission.

Leaders at the Arkansas Department of Health say the positive test poses no public-health threat.

Avian flu cannot be transmitted to people through the consumption of properly prepared poultry.

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