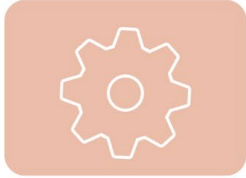




4-H Tuesday News



Features

Horse Owners Invited to Participate in EDCC Biosecurity Survey

With the support of the United States Department of Agriculture, the Equine Disease Communication Center ([learn more about the EDCC](#)) is completing a study to determine the awareness and knowledge of biosecurity in the horse industry. We need your help to determine knowledge and use of biosecurity for your horse(s). The goal is to help protect our horses from infectious diseases.

To participate in the survey, please visit <https://equinediseasecc.org/news/article/Horse-Owners-Invited-to-Participate-in-an-EDCC-Biosecurity-Survey>

Enter Your Design for the 2025 Washington State 4-H Fair Patch Contest!

It's time for the 2025 Patch Contest for the Washington State 4-H Fair! Enter your design and we could be wearing your art at next year's fair! Details and the entry form can be found at <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/fairs/state-4-h-fair/>



Avian Influenza, Migration South Brings New Detections in WA!

With five new detections of High Path Avian Influenza in domesticated poultry flocks (1 commercial/ 4 backyard) in WA State over the last three weeks it is time for updated information. While WA didn't have any detections from Jan. 1, 2024 until mid-Oct., OR and ID both had detections during Spring migration North, Avian Influenza has been around WA with detections in wild fowl populations. As the wild waterfowl populations are migrating south it is important to stay alert and know where to find information.

You can find new detections, contact information for the State Vet (WSDA), and Bird Flu FAQs (under- "For backyard flock owners", including what to look for) on the WSDA website at

Bird Flu 2022-2024 | Washington State Department of Agriculture

More things to know:

You will also find the most recent news releases regarding Avian Influenza on the website. At the bottom of the WSDA webpage there are several **additional resources** that may be helpful in keeping your birds safe and healthy.

Keep in mind:

This highly contagious and deadly virus requires quick action to safeguard our local bird populations and the health of our farmers' flocks.

- No infected birds or eggs have entered the food supply.
- The risk to the general public remains low.
- There are no confirmed or suspected cases in dairy farms in Washington state.

By the Numbers – Washington State

Since the start of the outbreak, there have been **2** affected commercial flocks, **47** affected backyard flocks affected across **18** counties. Last confirmed positive **Oct. 25 (Lewis County)**.



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