



**AVIAN INFLUENZA DECISION
GUIDE FOR SMALL FLOCKS
-Instructions**

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Download the pdf form, "Small Flock Decision Guide Fillable," to your computer before attempting to fill out the decision guide. Some web browsers may not properly support the function of the fillable cells. The guide can be found on the UGA CAES Avian Flu webpage.




Place information in the appropriate cells as indicated in the copy of the form below.

If the cumulative score based on flock symptoms exceeds 10, submit the form by email to the Georgia Poultry Lab Network Hotline address. A "Submit Form" key is available on the form to facilitate submission. Alternatively, one can call the GPLN AI Hotline number indicated on the form.

It is suggested that you save a copy of the completed form before sending it to the GPLN AI Hotline.

A "Clear Form" Key is available on the fillable decision guide to empty the form and allow entry of new data.

Calls about sick or dead wild birds should be referred to the appropriate Georgia Department of Natural Resources office at the numbers indicated on the final page of this document.

Date: (date call received)	
Owner: (write name here)	Owner contact #:
Owner address:	Owner email:
Species of bird affected.	Chicken, turkey, quail, pheasant, etc.
# birds affected/flock size.	X of Y (e.g. 5 of 20)
% of flock dead in last 3 days.	% (e.g. 25%)
Location to Interstate 20: North (select one) South	 Name: Agent name
	 Contact #: Agent contact #
	 Email: Agent email address

Questionnaire:

Symptoms	Score*	Answer
Sudden death in the last 3 days without clinical signs (rule out predation)	10-more than 10% flock affected	Yes - 10 / No - 0
	8-less than 10% flock affected	Yes - 8 / No - 0
Swelling of head, eyelids, comb, wattles, hocks	7	Yes -7/ No -0
Purple discoloration of wattles, combs, legs	7	Etc.
Coughing, sneezing	6	Etc.
Lack of coordination or paralysis	6	Etc.
Nasal discharge	4	Etc.
Diarrhea	4	Etc.
Ruffled feathers	4	Etc.
Lack of energy & appetite	3	Etc.
Decreased egg production	3	Etc.
Soft-shell or misshapen eggs	3	Etc.
Totals		Sum of above

*Scores from Georgia Poultry Lab Network

Add scores. If total is 10 or greater:

1. Get flock owner's name, address, phone number, email address.
2. Advise owner. Urge biosecurity. Inform owner that GA Dept. Agriculture or USDA representative may be in touch to get samples from birds.
3. **Submit information to Georgia Poultry Lab Network Avian Influenza Hotline.**
-(770) 766-6850
[-aihotline@gapoultrylab.org](mailto:aihotline@gapoultrylab.org)

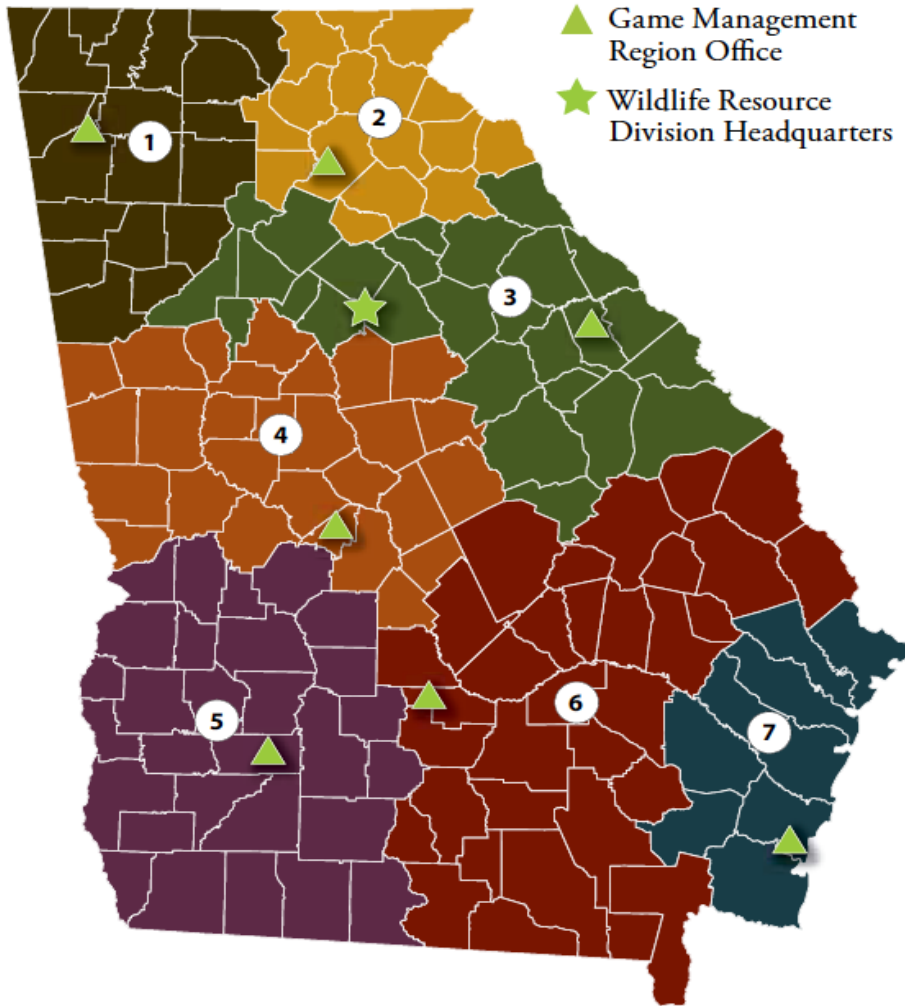
If total is less than 10, problem could be due to another disease or management issue.

-Contact UGA Poultry Science Extension (706-542-1325) or refer client to the Georgia Poultry Lab Network (770-766-6810).

Calls about deaths or illness in wild birds:

Contact Georgia Department of Natural Resources Specialist in your region.

Game Management Region Map



REGIONS

1-Northwest	706-295-6041
2-Northeast	770-535-5700
3-Eastcentral	706-595-4222
4-Westcentral	478-825-6354
5-Southwest	229-430-4254
6-Southcentral	229-426-5267
7-Coastal	912-262-3173