Currently, avian influenza (AI) is not a threat to human health or food safety in Georgia. AI poses a risk to all poultry operations, from backyard flocks to the state’s $22.8 billion commercial industry. The key to preventing the spread of the disease is biosecurity. All bird owners should take measures to prevent the exposure of flocks to AI.

Watch for the following symptoms in your flock:

- Swelling around the head and neck
- Lethargy
- Sudden death without clinical signs
- Purple discoloration of wattles and combs
- Purple discoloration of the legs
- Coughing
- Nasal discharge
- Watery or green diarrhea

Contact the avian influenza hotline at the Georgia Department of Agriculture with questions and concerns or to report a suspected case.

(770) 766-6850

Additional Avian Influenza resources:

- University of Georgia
- Georgia Department of Agriculture