



INFORMATION LEAFLET FOR POULTRY FARMERS

SYMPTOMS OF EXOTIC POULTRY DISEASES

Newcastle Disease

Symptoms may include any of the following:

- Respiratory signs (gasping, coughing)
- Nervous signs (drooping wings, dragging legs, twisting of the head and neck, circling, complete paralysis)
- Loss of appetite
- Dropped or complete cessation of egg production
- Misshapen, rough-shelled, thin-shelled eggs containing watery albumen
- Greenish watery diarrhoea
- Swelling of the tissues around the eyes and in the neck

Avian Influenza

Symptoms may include any of the following:

Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI)

- Depression
- Loss of appetite, excessive thirst
- Cessation of egg laying
- Respiratory signs (coughing, sneezing)
- Nervous signs (drooping wings, dragging legs, twisting of the head and neck, circling, complete paralysis)
- Swelling and blue discoloration of combs and wattles
- Diarrhea
- Sudden death
- Mortality rates of up to 100%

Low pathogenic avian influenza (LPAI)

- Mild respiratory disease
- Depression
- Drop in egg production

What should you do if you suspect Newcastle disease or Avian Influenza?

It is obligatory to notify any suspicion of these diseases to your local District Veterinary Office or DAF headquarters in Dublin at 01 6072000. Do not move any poultry, carcass or anything else (e.g. feed or waste) until a Department of Agriculture veterinary inspector has carried out an examination.

If you have any doubts about the health of your flock, contact your veterinary practitioner.