Background and Current Status of Avian Influenza – Wisconsin

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We have AI
First detection
04/11/2015
9 commercial facilities, 1 backyard flock in 4 counties
6 turkey flocks, 3 table egg flocks
~1.8 million birds affected
Background

- Depop – CO2 and Foam
- Disposal
  - Birds composted on site – in barn and outdoors
  - Solid waste landfilled or incinerated off site
As of 08/08/2015, all farms are released from quarantine and are re-populating
Preparedness

• Adapting to a new reality – redefined what an animal disease response really means
  – Farm preparedness
  – Biosecurity
  – Emergency prioritization
  – SOPs
  – Situational awareness
Preparedness

• Greater communication with Emergency Management partners to improve incident response
• Liaisons! Liaisons! Liaisons!
Preparedness

• Establishment of working groups with other agencies to develop Branch-specific directives
Preparedness

Medical clearance and fit-testing for a broad range of staff
Predictions

Next three months?
Focus Areas

- Lessons learned
- Knowledge gap filling
- Statutory authorities
- SME training
- Communicating
- Virus deactivation
Specific Needs

- More consistency
  - Farm to farm
  - Agency to agency
  - State to state

- Technical Support
  - Decision making needs explicit technical support
Questions?