



## TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

CHARLIE HATCHER, D.V.M.  
COMMISSIONER

ANIMAL HEALTH DIVISION

### ORDER OF THE STATE VETERINARIAN

**WHEREAS** Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus is a highly contagious, often fatal foreign animal disease affecting domestic poultry and wild birds which is now an emerging disease of concern in cattle and other mammals;

**WHEREAS** HPAI in dairy cattle, Bovine Associated Influenza A (H5N1) virus, poses a new animal disease risk, import regulations and disease surveillance are therefore imperative to the health of animals in Tennessee;

**WHEREAS** the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), has issued an order effective April 29, 2024 ("Federal Order"), requiring testing for and reporting of HPAI in livestock;

**WHEREAS** pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 44-2-102, the State Veterinarian is charged with ordering tests or vaccinations and regulating the importation of animals within or entering the state as necessary to protect the health of animals in Tennessee;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dr. Samantha Beaty, State Veterinarian, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Tennessee, do hereby order the following import provisions, effective immediately and continuing until further notice:

1. Cattle from premises where animals have confirmed positive for HPAI H5N1 virus are restricted from importation into Tennessee without written permission from the State Veterinarian.
2. All lactating dairy cattle entering Tennessee shall be accompanied by an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI), and meet testing and movement requirements under the Federal Order, available online at: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/dairy-federal-order.pdf>.
3. ICVIs for all dairy cattle entering Tennessee must include the lactation status of the cow (i.e., lactating or non-lactating), and test results including laboratory name, accession number, and test date.
4. Failure to abide by these import requirements shall result in a whole premises quarantine on imported animals for 21 days and negative PCR testing for HPAI H5N1 virus before release from quarantine.

For more information, call (615) 837-5120. For USDA APHIS requirements and recommendations for HPAI H5N1 virus in livestock, see [www.aphis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/aphis-requirements-recommendations-hpai-livestock.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/aphis-requirements-recommendations-hpai-livestock.pdf).

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
Dr. Samantha Beaty, D.V.M.

State Veterinarian & Assistant Commissioner for Animal Health

Dated: April 30, 2024