



ORDER OF THE STATE VETERINARIAN

WHEREAS the Tennessee Department of Agriculture is aware of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) detections in Dairy Cattle beginning in Texas the month of February 2024;

WHEREAS HPAI is a highly contagious and often fatal foreign animal disease affecting domestic poultry and other wild birds which is now an emerging disease of concern in Dairy Cattle and other mammals;

WHEREAS HPAI in Dairy Cattle is presumed to be spread from direct introduction by birds (wild and domestic) into a Dairy cow's environment, and is also presumed to be spread laterally from farm to farm and cow to cow, although the exact mechanism of transmission is not completely understood at this time;

WHEREAS HPAI in Dairy Cattle has now been confirmed in Texas, Kansas, New Mexico, Idaho, and Michigan;

WHEREAS HPAI in Dairy Cattle is associated with a condition causing (1) low appetite, (2) decreased lactation, and (3) thickened or colostrum-like milk, as well as other variable clinical signs. Import regulations and disease surveillance are therefore imperative to the health and safety of the state's Dairy Cattle populations;

WHEREAS 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, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 44-2-102;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Samantha Beaty, State Veterinarian and Assistant Commissioner for Animal Health, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Tennessee, do hereby order the following import provisions, effectively immediately:

1. No Dairy Cattle exhibiting clinical signs and testing positive for HPAI shall be allowed to move into Tennessee.
2. All adult Dairy Cattle entering Tennessee from states affected by HPAI in Dairy Cattle shall require permitting by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture and may be required to complete pre-movement testing as determined by the State Veterinarian.
3. 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 before release from quarantine.

This Order shall expire on **May 3, 2024**, unless extended or rescinded. To request permitting or for more information, call (615) 837-5120.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dr. Samantha Beaty, D.V.M.

State Veterinarian & Assistant Commissioner for Animal Health

Dated: 4/2/2024