

SUSPECT INFECTIOUS LARYNGOTRACHEITIS (ILT) INDUSTRY ADVISORY – Perth County

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On behalf of the four feather boards, the Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC) is issuing a **suspect** ILT Disease Advisory to all poultry industry service providers operating in the central part of the Perth County. A Biosecurity Advisory Area map is being provided to assist with routing and other enhanced biosecurity measures in a 10 km radius area.

FBCC has been notified by Egg Farmers of Ontario staff that a commercial egg laying flock in the central part of Perth County has experienced respiratory signs and increased mortality. Samples were submitted to the University of Guelph Animal Health Lab. Under an information sharing agreement, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs confirmed that a PCR viral test from this farm was positive for ILT. Additional tests are pending before an ILT diagnosis can be confirmed.

FBCC is collaborating with the farmer and veterinarian to ensure enhanced biosecurity measures are in place to prevent further spread. Farmers and small flock growers within the 10 km biosecurity area around the infected farm are being contacted and advised to enhance their biosecurity programs. There is a risk to unvaccinated flocks.

Please reinforce your biosecurity protocols if working with flocks or travelling through this area of Perth County and suspend all non-essential visits. For essential visits, apply the following recommended biosecurity measures: wearing boots, protection suits, hats and gloves/hand washing. All deliveries/loading should be last on the route. Wash and disinfect the truck's wheel wells, tires and steps before proceeding with any other delivery/loading. Do not go to another farm within 12 hours.

Should you be aware of health concerns in flocks you deal with, please advise the farmer to contact their veterinarian as well as their Board.

We anticipate this advisory status to last until at least late January.

You will be alerted of any changes in status through the FBCC website at www.fbcc.ca.

