

Hi everyone,

Here is the latest the latest statement from Dr. Annette Jones, CDFA State Veterinarian, regarding Virulent Newcastle Disease:

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Recommendation to Cancel California Poultry Exhibitions That Include Birds From Counties Affected With Virulent Newcastle Disease

Since May 2018, an outbreak of virulent Newcastle disease (VND) has had a devastating impact on backyard bird populations in four Southern California counties: Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura. The virus has also been found in three commercial facilities in Riverside County. As a result, nearly 500,000 backyard and commercial birds have been euthanized.

To support our disease containment and eradication efforts, the California State Veterinarian is recommending that all poultry exhibitions that include birds from high-risk counties (Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura) be canceled. An exhibition is an assembly of birds (including but not limited to poultry) brought to the assembly location for purposes that include public display for any duration. For example, exhibitions include, but are not limited to: auctions, shows, swap meets, pet marts, fair exhibits, pigeon races, cock fights, pet stores, and petting zoos. Public zoos are not included in this definition.

For more information, please visit: https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/newcastle_disease_info.html

To view the original letter, please visit:

https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/pdfs/RecommendCancellationPoultryExhibitions.pdf