Dairy Cattle H5N1 Influenza Update

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The information provided below is intended to provide Nebraska dairy producers and farm workers with a brief overall summary of current information regarding the emerging H5N1 disease in dairy cattle in the United States. All information is current to the author’s knowledge at the time of writing.

This is an emerging disease and any new available information pertinent to Nebraska dairy producers will be posted as an update to the Nebraska Dairy Extension website.

New Information:

- The number of affected premises currently stands at 36. The number of states with positive cases is now 9. The number and location of positive premises is updated frequently by USDA APHIS and that information can be found here.
- A Spanish version of the original UNL Dairy Extension H5N1 Influenza update is now available in text and audio form on the website.
- A dairy focused biosecurity risk assessment document is available on the Big Red Biosecurity website to assist dairy producers in assessing their overall farm biosecurity and identify areas that may need attention in an attempt to minimize the likelihood of H5N1 in their own cows.
- The USDA APHIS Federal Order requiring negative tests for lactating dairy cattle prior to interstate movement is now in effect.
  - More information on this Federal Order can be found here.