

Dairy Cattle H5N1 Influenza Update May 23, 2024

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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 52. The number of states with positive cases remains at 9. The number and location of positive premises is updated frequently by USDA APHIS and that information can be found here.
- <u>USDA APHIS has released two important updates this week</u>. The first document discusses recommendations for organizers of dairy cattle exhibits and exhibit participants. The second document announces additional financial support for dairy producers whose herds <u>have not</u> tested positive for H5N1. Prior to this announcement, USDA was only offering support to herds after they had tested positive. For more information, see the announcements at the links below.

Recommendations to minimize influenza transmission at dairy cattle livestock exhibitions

USDA expands support to include herds that have not tested positive for H5N1

Reminder:

• A variety of personal protective equipment (PPE) is currently available at the Nebraska Extension offices in Madison, Gage, and Hall counties. There is no cost to obtain the supplies, they are available for free to dairy workers. The supplies have been provided by the Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (CS-CASH) and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.