



PROTECT YOUR FLOCK

- Don't bring disease into your flock from another farm.
Tip: *avoid sharing equipment and change your clothes and boots after visiting another flock.*
- Isolate new birds and birds returning from events for a minimum of 30 days before putting them with your flock.
- Keep wild birds away from your flock.
- Store feed in closed bins.

KEEP YOUR BIRDS HEALTHY

- Clean your flock's waterers thoroughly every day.
Tip: *use an outdoor utility sink or hose to help prevent bringing bacteria into your kitchen.*
- Clean your flock's feeders regularly.
- Control pests such as rodents, flies and beetles.
- Keep your flock's bedding dry to help prevent the growth of bacteria and mold.
- Disinfect your coop after you strip used bedding and before you lay down new bedding.
Tip: *disinfect your coop with a phenolic disinfectant (like Pine-Sol) solution after the coop is cleaned.*

YOUR FLOCK AND YOUR SAFETY

- Avoid touching birds to your face.
- Always wash your hands before and after you interact with your hens! Salmonella, a bacteria that can make people sick, can spread from your hens and their eggs to you.



GET INVOLVED

- Michigan State University (MSU) Extension has many hands-on opportunities for youth (5-19 yrs. old) to learn more about poultry through 4-H.
- Contact your local MSU Extension office to find out about programs in your area. Visit 4h.msue.msu.edu to explore opportunities, msue.anr.msu.edu/county to find your county office or call 888-678-3464.
- Sign-up for the MSU Extension Poultry Newsletter to get poultry-related news and events delivered right to your inbox. To subscribe, text "MSUE" to 22828 or visit msue.msu.edu and click on "Newsletter Sign-Up."

RESOURCES

- Small and Backyard Flock Resources:
articles.extension.org/poultry
- Michigan State University Extension:
888-678-3464
msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/poultry
msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4h_poultry
- Michigan Dept. of Agriculture and Rural Development:
800-292-3939
www.michigan.gov/aviandiseases