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Avian Influenza in Hopkins County, Texas Latest available information: June 7, 2004

As of Monday, June 7:

Personnel from the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Texas are in Hopkins County, conducting disease surveillance for avian influenza. (See TAHC press release from Friday, May 28, 2004, for background information.)

More noncommercial flocks continue to be identified within 10 miles of the index flock in Hopkins County. The total noncommercial flock count now stands at 277, and of those, 80 are within five miles of the index flock, and 197 are situated within an area from five to 10 miles from the index flock.

Of these noncommercial flocks, a total of 263 have been sampled; 79 within five miles of the index flock, and 184 in the 5- to 10-mile area.

As of Monday, June 7, negative test results have been received on 100 noncommercial flocks within the 10-mile area. All other test results are pending. Typically, it takes 5 to 6 days from sampling to laboratory reporting.

All flocks will be re-sampled in 14 to 21 days as part of the disease surveillance protocol.