

ABOUT **BIRD FLU**

Facts:

- Bird flu (avian influenza) rarely infects people; it is a bird sickness that kills birds.
- Do not go near or touch sick or dead birds.
- Call your local health department to report sick or dead birds.
- A bird could look fine and still be sick.
- You could get bird flu by touching things that had droppings from sick or dead birds on them.

To Protect Yourself When Handling Birds:

- Use rubber gloves when you clean birds or gather eggs.
- Do not drink, eat or smoke when you clean birds.
- Keep your hands away from your face and mouth when you handle birds or eggs.
- Wash your knife and work area with soap and water after you clean or cook birds.
- Cook birds and eggs until done all the way through (no pink meat, cook until juices run clear).
- Do not eat smoked birds unless heated to 165 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Avoid close contact with live or dead poultry.
- Never touch wild birds with your bare hands. (Birds can carry many kinds of germs that can make us sick.)

