

Governor Branstad declares emergency to continue fighting avian flu outbreak

The proclamation allows for distribution of safe, virus-free manure and compost generated from sites in affected counties

DES MOINES – Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad today declared a state of disaster emergency in 18 counties adversely affected by highly pathogenic avian influenza.

The state of disaster emergency proclamation temporarily allows impacted chicken and turkey producers to dispose of manure and compost generated at a premise infected with highly pathogenic avian influenza as a Bulk Dry Animal Nutrient under Chapter 200A of Iowa Code. The material can only be released once the material has been released for application in writing by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The USDA must certify that the material is virus-free before it is moved off-site. Normally, only un-manipulated animal manure qualifies for distribution under this code section.

This proclamation only applies to impacted chicken and turkey producers in the 18 counties with confirmed cases of avian influenza. Counties included in this proclamation are: Adair, Buena Vista, Calhoun, Cherokee, Clay, Hamilton, Kossuth, Lyon, Madison, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Sac, Sioux, Webster and Wright.

The proclamation is effective until July 15, 2015, and [can be read here](#).

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