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Governor Branstad extends disaster proclamation for avian flu

DES MOINES – Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad today announced that he is extending the State of Disaster Emergency in response to the avian flu outbreak until July 31, 2015. This is the second extension the governor has made to the original disaster proclamation. The governor's original disaster declaration was set to expire Sunday, May 31, 2015, but he extended it until July 1, 2015, on May 29, 2015. [The proclamation can be read here.](#)

The extension comes less than two weeks after Branstad requested a Presidential Disaster Designation for four Iowa counties hit by the virus. In bipartisan fashion, Iowa's Congressional Delegation wrote a letter to President Obama encouraging him to grant the governor's request on June 19, 2015.

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