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## **Questions for retailers and wholesalers to ask dairy suppliers given the ongoing outbreak of Influenza A in dairy cattle**

### **Goal:**

Eradicate the H5N1 virus in affected livestock herds to control the spread and possible mutation of the virus.

### **Current Situation Links:**

CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/avianflu/avian-flu-summary.htm>

FDA <https://www.fda.gov/food/alerts-advisories-safety-information/updates-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza-hpai>

USDA <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/avian/avian-influenza/hpai-detections>

### **Questions for Dairy Suppliers**

What procedures do the dairy farms supplying the dairy processing plant have to protect dairy cattle from becoming infected with the H5N1 Influenza Virus?

*(Answer should include biosecurity measures, limit cattle movement, limit visitors, testing for cattle when crossing state lines, monitoring for changes in milk production, monitoring for symptoms)*

Do the dairy farms have procedures to protect workers from contracting the H5N1 virus?

*(Answer should include personal protective equipment, biosecurity measures, health monitoring and medical care if symptoms arise)*

What is the procedure for the dairy farm if animals or humans are symptomatic?

*(Answer should include reporting to appropriate authorities, typically state agriculture department)*

What is the procedure for the dairy farm for segregating cattle that is symptomatic or has tested positive for H5N1?

*(Answer should include segregating symptomatic and infected cattle and not allowing milk to enter supply chain, cattle should be segregated for 30 days or according to state or federal authority recommendations)*

What procedures are in place for moving cattle when necessary? Cull cows or auctions?

*(Cattle should be moved only when necessary and done in compliance with the Federal Order issued in April 2024.)*

Are the dairy farms aware of the "Federal Order Requiring Testing for and Reporting of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Livestock"?

*(Answer should be yes)*

Are dairy farms complying with the federal order?

*(Answer should be yes)*