Information for Poultry and Egg Producers

Pests such as wild birds, rodents, and insects can carry avian influenza (AI) onto a housing site. Biosecurity measures can help keep pests out and ensure the health of the birds on a site.

❖ Clean

Keep the site clean to reduce attraction of wild birds, rodents, and insects

❖ Remove trash
❖ Clean up feed spills
❖ Dispose of dead birds and waste eggs

❖ Exclude

Prevent wild birds, rodents, and insects from entering your facilities

❖ Seal or screen doors, windows, and vents
❖ Plug holes larger than ¼ inch and seal foundation cracks
❖ Line building perimeters with gravel
❖ Mow grass/brush around buildings

❖ Control

Implement control programs to reduce wild bird, rodent, and insect populations

❖ Rodents: use rodenticides (poison baits) and traps
❖ Insects: utilize chemical (insecticide) or biological control methods
❖ Adhere to state and local regulations for controlling wild birds, rodents, and insects

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