

Keep Pests Out

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

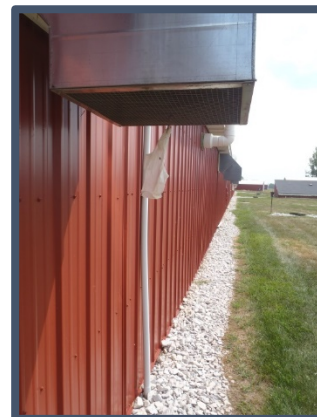
Keep the site clean to reduce attraction of wild birds, rodents, and insects

- ❖ 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



Source: Jack Hamersky, ISU

❖ 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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