

# HPAI FINAL RULE AND BIOSECURITY AUDITS

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## Federal Register Final Rule: Conditions for Payment of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Indemnity Claims

- *August 14, 2018, Washington D.C.* – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is issued a final rule outlining the conditions under which USDA will pay indemnity to farms affected by highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). It included updates to USDA’s February 2016 interim rule. The final rule does three things:
  1. Allows indemnity payments to be split between poultry and egg owners and their contracted growers and provides a formula for the split;
  2. Adopts biosecurity principles established by the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP); and
  3. Requires auditable biosecurity plans to be in place for larger-sized operations to receive indemnity payments.
- The split payments for HPAI in the final rule are in line with the split payments for indemnity in the existing low pathogenic avian influenza program.
- In the final rule, USDA addressed concerns about the interim rule raised by stakeholders, including whether self-certification of biosecurity was adequate. As a result, USDA is now requiring audits to ensure optimal biosecurity is practiced by large poultry facilities. The National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP), a cooperative state, federal and industry program for controlling certain poultry diseases, developed a set of 14 biosecurity principles. USDA published the 14 principles in May 2017, and they now serve as the minimum biosecurity principles that any poultry operation should follow.
- In the final rule, a facility that meets the minimum size requirements must have an auditable biosecurity plan. To be eligible for HPAI indemnity, the plan must address all 14 biosecurity principles in compliance with NPIP requirements.
  - **Rule became effective as of September 14, 2018.**
  - **Successfully audited Biosecurity Plans will become a requirement for indemnity/compensation eligibility on September 14, 2020.**

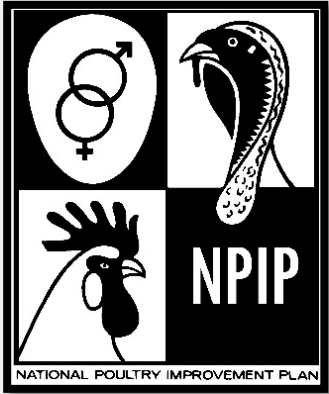


# Implementation of Biosecurity Audits around the Country

- Georgia
- South Carolina
- Texas
- Minnesota
- Indiana
- California
- Others that would like to share...



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*Thank You*

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