



March 29, 2022

Dear valued customer:

Thank you for reaching out to us regarding the current Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) situation. High Path Avian Influenza (HPAI) has been confirmed in our supply chain. The issue currently involves one farm operation in Minnesota.

Migratory waterfowl have been the primary carriers of HPAI, ultimately exposing domestic poultry to the virus. While farms supplying turkeys to Jennie-O have not had any confirmed cases until now, many regions, producers and companies have been impacted since February. Cases have included numerous chicken and turkey commercial farms, as well as smaller backyard flocks.

Jennie-O Turkey Store has been preparing for this situation and took all possible precautions to protect the health of the turkeys in its supply chain. We will continue to work with the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Minnesota Board of Animal Health, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, as well as poultry industry associations on this issue. USDA and the National Turkey Federation are monitoring and responding to the situation and remind consumers that HPAI does not pose a food safety concern.

The National Turkey Federation is monitoring the multi-state situation, and we are in close contact with them. The USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) [website](#) also provides additional information regarding all current cases. It's important to note that Avian influenza is an animal health issue, not a food safety issue.

We will keep you informed as the situation continues to evolve and thank you for your support of chicken, turkey and other poultry suppliers as we all work through this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Wellen", is written over a thin horizontal line.

VP Foodservice

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