



AgriServiceBC

AgriServiceBC: Islands Edition



INVITATION

The B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Food together with the Islands Agriculture Show Society are pleased to invite you to the:

Islands Agriculture Show
February 2-3, 2024
Cowichan Exhibition Park, Duncan

The Islands Agriculture Show is a two-day conference and trade show for horticultural and livestock producers of all sizes on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

The 2024 conference will include sessions on the following topics:

- Effective irrigation for water management
- Hedgerows and cover crops for pest management
- Farm economics, budgeting & record keeping
- Indigenous food systems
- Building healthy soils
- Nitrogen and Phosphorus management on Vancouver Island
- Scaling up poultry production
- On-farm meat processing

Questions?

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Click on the button below to pre-register for Conference Sessions!

Conference session tickets are \$25 (plus tax and service fees), and include trade show access. Trade show only admissions will be sold at the door for \$5. Attendance is offered in person only. Full program details to be posted soon. Funding for the conference sessions is provided in part by the governments of Canada and British Columbia through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative.

Register here!

Upcoming Events

January 3rd- Applications for vendors close for the Victoria Seedy Sunday, being held Feb 25th in Quadra Village for 2024. Learn more at their [Facebook page](#). Are you interested in vending or visiting other Seedy Saturday/Sunday events? Find many listed at [Seeds of Diversity](#).

January 9th - Business Resiliency Series - Insurance for Farmers and Your Farm Business. With information from Anna Warhurst and Sam Corcoran from the Co-operators, farmers will...

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Regional Extension Update

Island and South Coast producers recently contributed their ideas to the development of the [Regional Extension Program](#) (REP) at two successful workshops, and responses from the REP Questionnaire are still coming in (find it [HERE](#)). Almost half of the questionnaire responses so far from across BC are from our region- big thank you to everyone who's engaged with us!

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Regional Extension Survey [HERE!](#)



Avian Influenza is active on the Island

High Pathogenic Avian Influenza has been on the rise through the fall of 2023, with 50 currently infected premises in BC, 1 known premise on the Island (as of December 27). If you're looking for information on what to do if your birds get sick, visit the [Ministry Avian Influenza](#) page, and Island Health has this [webpage about Avian Influenza](#) with local instructions and links. To prevent and protect, please review the infographic below!



Wild birds are the main source of Avian Influenza Virus (AIV)

AIV is shed in wild birds feces

PROTECT YOUR FLOCK

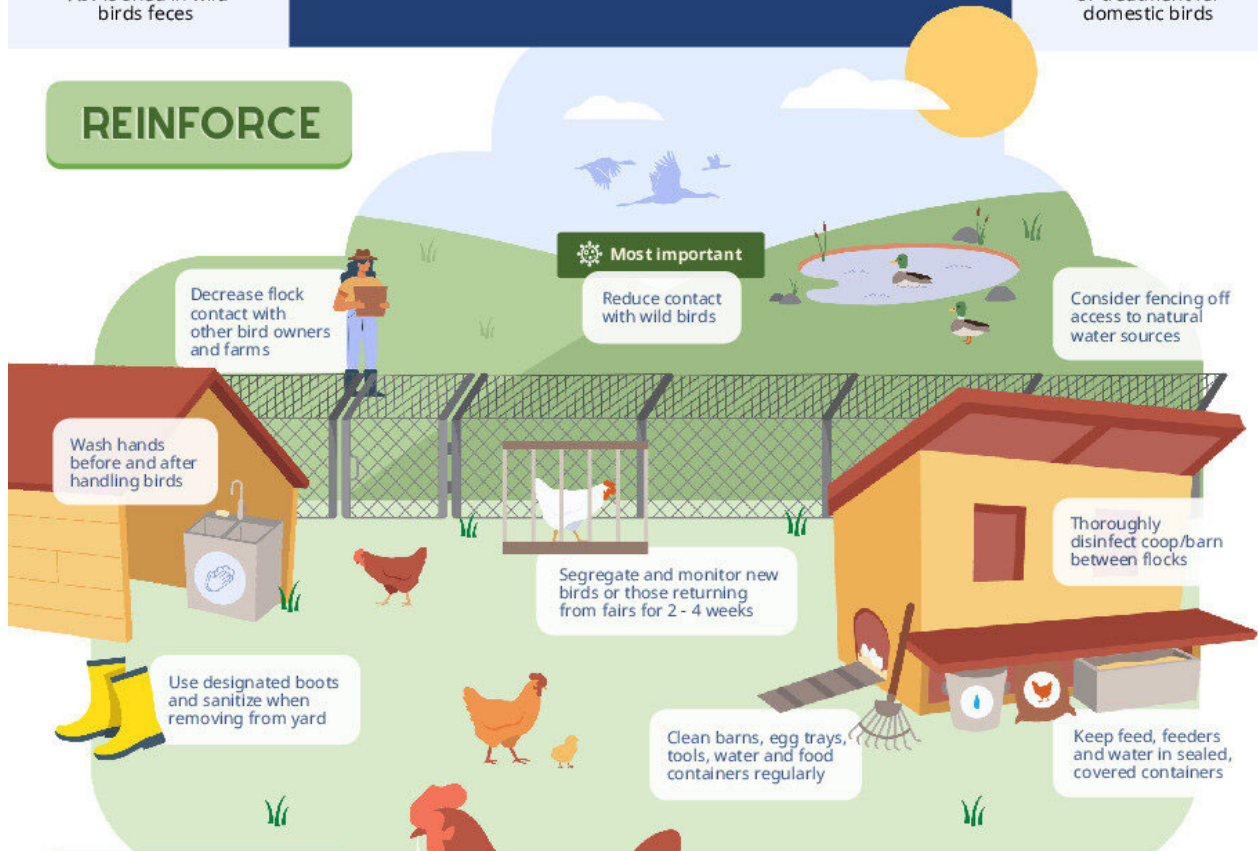
AVIAN INFLUENZA



The virus can persist in the environment for a long time

There is no vaccination or treatment for domestic birds

REINFORCE



RECOGNIZE

Most important

Sudden, unexplained increase in flock mortality



Other symptoms include:

- Nasal discharge
- Diarrhea
- Decreased energy and movement
- Drop in egg production
- Lack of appetite
- Coughing, gasping, sneezing
- Swelling of head, neck, and eyes

REPORT

Most important

- Contact your district CFIA Veterinarian
- Submit to Animal Health Centre
- Report dead wild birds to Wild Bird Mortality Line



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