



To date, the most severe form of avian influenza, has not been found in North American wild or domestic birds.

While it is unlikely that hunters could get avian influenza from wild birds here, routine precautions are recommended to reduce the risk of contracting any wildlife disease.

To learn more, visit www.usda.gov/birdflu

Please report sick or dead birds to local wildlife agencies or to 1-866-4USDA-WS.



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Routine Precautions

- Do not handle or consume game animals that are obviously sick or found dead.
- Do not eat, drink or smoke while cleaning game.
- Wear rubber gloves when cleaning game.
- Wash hands with soap and water, or alcohol wipes, immediately after handling game.
- Wash tools and working surfaces with soap and water and then disinfect.
- Keep uncooked game in a separate container, away from cooked or ready-to-eat foods.
- Cook game meat thoroughly; poultry should reach 165°F internally to kill disease organisms and parasites.

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