

# HPAI INFECTED PREMISES RELEASE OF COMPOST

Compost may be removed from a Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)-infected premises (IP) once it has met the criteria for release established by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and USDA Veterinary Services (VS).

## ▶ WHEN CAN COMPOST BE MOVED OFF AN INFECTED PREMISES?

The virus is eliminated when all compost windrows have met the minimum temperature requirement of at least 131°F for three consecutive days during each of the two 14, or more, day monitoring phases. All compost must be verified as Phase 1 and Phase 2 complete by a USDA-approved Composting Subject Matter Expert (SME) and verification must be documented prior to the compost being released.

## ▶ DO I NEED A PERMIT TO MOVE COMPOST FROM MY INFECTED PREMISES?

IPs that are still under a quarantine must request and receive a permit from the Department before compost can be removed from the premises. Permits can be requested through EMRS Gateway. If you do not have EMRS Gateway, a permit can be requested through REDCap. The destination of the compost will need a premises identification number (PIN). If the destination does not have a PIN one can be created using a 911 address or latitude/longitude. Permits to move compost off an IP that is still under quarantine will come with permit conditions, such as the cleaning and disinfection of vehicles removing the compost from the premises. Please apply for a permit as far in advance as possible.

Premises where the quarantine has been lifted do not need a permit to move the compost from the premises.

Contact Jaime Carter, [jaime.carter@iowaagriculture.gov](mailto:jaime.carter@iowaagriculture.gov) for more information about the permitting process.

## ▶ CAN THE COMPOST BE SOLD & APPLIED AS PER 200A, BULK DRY ANIMAL NUTRIENT PRODUCT?

The 2022 HPAI Governor's Disaster Proclamation allows all compost generated on a HPAI IP to be sold and applied according to Iowa Code chapter 200A. Normally, chapter 200A only applies to "unmanipulated" dry animal manure, whereas the compost process is considered "manipulation." The proclamation allows the mortality compost and manure compost to be sold and land applied like unmanipulated manure. All other chapter 200A requirements concerning licensing, registration, reporting, fees, stockpiling, etc., regulations are still in place.

## ▶ QUESTIONS

Website, HPAI: <https://iowaagriculture.gov/animal-industry-bureau/avian-influenza>

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