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NEXT PENNSYLVANIA AGRICULTURE HPAI CONFERENCE CALL TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 12.

The Monthly Call Will Be Held on Wednesday, February 12 at 1 p.m. EST

Harrisburg, Pa. – Pennsylvania continues to monitor the rapid acceleration of cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in dairy cattle and poultry flocks across the United States. The Center for Dairy Excellence and Penn Ag Industries Association will host the next joint monthly Pennsylvania Agriculture HPAI Conference Call on Wednesday, February 12 at 1 p.m. EST for producers and stakeholders from all animal ag industries. With the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture reporting a preliminary finding of H5, 2.3.4.4 in a commercial poultry flock in Lehigh County, Pa. on January 27, panelists will answer questions about the quarantine order and required surveillance for dairy farms in the 3 Km infected zone around an infected poultry or dairy premise. This is not the strain that has infected dairy cattle in California and other states. It is the strain that has been transmitted through wild geese in the Eastern Fly-Way Zones. This is part of the quarantine order in an effort to exercise precaution to protect dairy farms and poultry facilities in that area.

Panelists will also answer questions about Pennsylvania's overall response efforts, the ongoing HPAI health situation and more. Individuals who join the conference call will be able to ask real-time questions to each panelist. To ensure as many questions can be addressed as possible, questions can be submitted in advance of the call. Text 717-585-0766 to submit questions or email ctrdairyexcellence@gmail.com.

Learn more about how to join the conference call on February 12:

• **Date:** Wednesday, February 12 at 1 p.m. EST. Future conference calls will be held on the first or second Wednesday of every month.

How to Join:

Dial +1 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 841 2794 6647

Passcode: 833183

Click here to join the meeting via Zoom: www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/industry-call

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As the dairy and poultry industries learn more about HPAI and how it is affecting herds and flocks, the Center for Dairy Excellence and Penn Ag Industries Association will continue to share updates from across the industry. Visit www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/newsletter to sign up to receive email updates and get notified of future calls, news and resources.

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The Center for Dairy Excellence is a non-profit organization initiated by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in 2004. Bringing together people from more than 40 different dairy organizations in Pennsylvania, the Center's mission is to enhance the profitability of the dairy industry by empowering people, creating partnerships, and increasing the availability and use of resources. Learn more at centerfordairyexcellence.org.

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