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Biosecurity Audits

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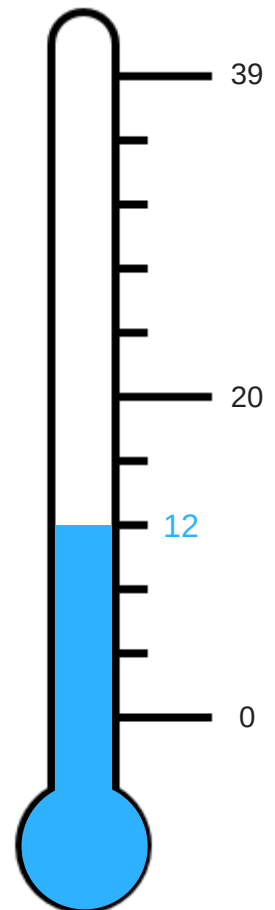
The GPLN serves as the official state agency for the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) program. The challenge of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) resulted in the creation of the NPIP 14 Principles of Biosecurity, which was designed to stop the spread of HPAI. A company, or producer, meeting NPIP population criteria with a biosecurity program qualifies for indemnity (payment of the company contract value of the birds or eggs) and compensation (payment for clean-up, virus elimination, and disposal) in the event of HPAI and LPAI in their operations (if funds are available and certain conditions are met).

The GPLN has met with all the commercial companies in Georgia and several upland game producers to help each party, if needed, develop or implement their biosecurity program. Currently, the GPLN has audited 12 of the 39 commercial complexes in the state of Georgia with a goal of completing all the initial round of audits by June of 2020. There are several upland game bird producers who will soon be audited.

Below are the population criteria set forth by NPIP for producers for auditing per 9 CFR 53.10:

*"...**exempted** from auditing are those which: raise fewer than 100,000 broilers annually for meat, raise fewer than 30,000 turkeys annually for meat, have fewer than 75,000 table egg layers, raise fewer than 25,000 raised for release upland game birds annually, raise fewer than 25,000 waterfowl birds annually, and raise fewer than 5,000 breeders (breeders of any type)."*

If you exceed the criteria listed above in italics, the GPLN can help you write, design, and develop a biosecurity program for your operation. Please contact Jeff Spivey, Director of NPIP and Industry Operations at jspivey@gapoultrylab.org or 1-706-968-5924 if you need assistance or have questions concerning the NPIP 14 Principles of Biosecurity.



TOURS, VISITORS, & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- DECEMBER 4TH: HABERSHAM COUNTY HOME SCHOOL GROUP
- DECEMBER 12TH: DREW ECHOLS WITH JAEMOR FARMS & WILL BENTLEY WITH GA CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION
- DECEMBER 20TH: EGYPTIAN GUESTS THROUGH GCIV

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- DECEMBER 11TH: DR. SMELTZER RETIREMENT PARTY
- DECEMBER 14TH: GPLN EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS PARTY



Egyptian guests, through the Georgia Council for International Visitors, enjoyed an in-depth tour of the lab.



Drew Echols of Jaemor Farms stopped by with Georgia Cattlemen's Association Executive VP, Will Bentley, to tour the lab.



Wishing Dr. Smeltzer a very happy retirement!



The GPLN Employee Christmas Party was filled with lots of joy and laughter!



Len explaining antigens to the Habersham County Home School Group.