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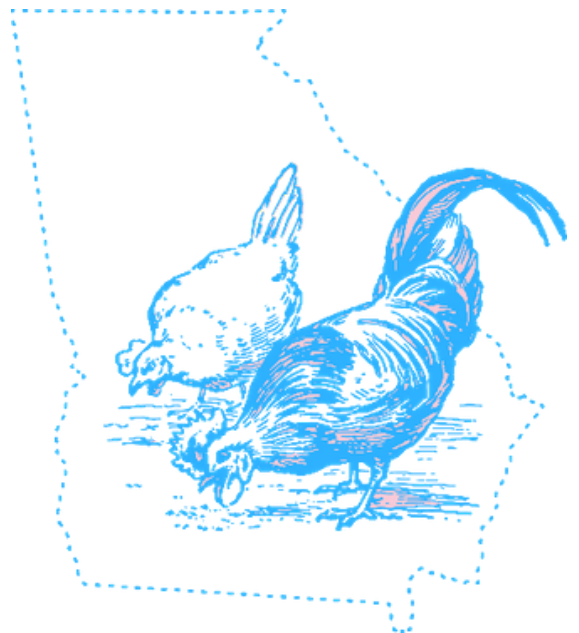
Georgia Poultry Laboratory Network's Monthly Newsletter



Don't wing it! Be prepared with premise IDs.

By Nicki Smith, GIS Senior Specialist

The highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) outbreak of 2015 brought into sharp focus how devastating a disease event can be to poultry producers. While measures such as grower education and good biosecurity are crucial in preventing an outbreak, event preparedness plays a vital role in keeping Georgia's industry safe. A key step in this process is the assignment of USDA APHIS Premise Identification Numbers, or premise IDs, using accurate physical addresses and coordinates. Gathering this information can be time consuming. Obtaining premise IDs before an event occurs can help save valuable time by ensuring that managers and responding agencies have accurate information at their fingertips during a response.



At the time of this writing, GPLN has achieved over 99.7% of premise ID assignment for Georgia farms operating under participating integrators. Meeting our goal of 100% assignment is on the horizon. This makes us very proud of Georgia's poultry industry, indeed! Thanks to the efforts of those in industry who patiently worked with us to provide and verify location data, Georgia's growers are better prepared should there be an event. We would also like to thank our collaborators at GDA for their valuable contribution to this endeavor.

Premise IDs were added to the GPLN Portal this month, allowing users to search and filter their test inquiries over time by premise ID. We think this will be a helpful tool in our customers' data analysis toolbox, since a farm location keeps its premise ID even after changes of ownership.

Questions about premise IDs? Please contact our GIS Specialist, Nicki Smith, at nsmith@gapoultrylab.org.



Holiday Closing Reminder:

GPLN will be closed December 25th & 26th for Christmas as well as December 31st and January 1st for New Years.

Please keep this in mind when planning out shipments and testing for your flocks.



Congratulations, Ms. Joann!

Ms. Joann Williamson celebrates retirement after 21 years of service. She and her spunk will be missed, but we wish her the best in retirement!



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