

Update from the Animal Health Division at CDFA

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HPAI in cattle:

- Mandatory to report cattle with compatible signs (off feed, reduced rumination, unexpected and significant drop in production) or a positive screening test to the CA State Veterinarian or AHB District Office.
- Originally introduced to cattle in TX from wild birds; some secondary cow-cow spread with milk most frequently being the vehicle (easy to detect virus in raw milk; harder in oral and fecal swabs). 8 states with cases. No cases detected in CA yet.
- Federal Order requiring a CVI and testing of all lactating dairy cows 7 days before they cross stateliness started on Mon 4/29.
 - Exemption is that dairy cattle can go straight to slaughter without a CVI/test; but they need to be from unaffected herds and must have an owner shipment statement. Will be on CDFA Animal Health Branch Website in a day or two.
- Because CA has not yet detected a case, there are no additional restrictions within CA.
- The Department will release a webpage with more information on 5/1