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## Comparing State and Federal Quarantines for Exotic Newcastle Disease in California

### **Why is poultry quarantined in Southern California?**

Exotic Newcastle Disease (END) has been diagnosed in backyard and commercial poultry in Southern California. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) are currently engaged in an active program to eradicate this disease. Quarantines enable CDFA and USDA to regulate the movement of birds, poultry products and materials that could spread END outside of the affected area.

### **Why has the CDFA quarantine recently been expanded?**

On January 7, 2003, the California State Veterinarian expanded the quarantine to include Ventura County, which recently had a case of END. Under the CDFA quarantine, movement of poultry and poultry products from all of Los Angeles County, all of Orange County, all of Ventura County, portions of Riverside County, and portions of San Bernardino County, is prohibited. The poultry species under quarantine include chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, grouse, partridges, pheasants, quail, Guinea fowl, pea fowl (peacocks), doves, pigeons, swans, and ratites (emus, ostriches, rheas, etc.).

### **Why has USDA expanded the Federal quarantine?**

The USDA has established a quarantine in Imperial County, Orange County, and Santa Barbara County, as buffer-zone counties. Therefore, all of the following counties are included in the Federal quarantine: Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Ventura, Orange, Santa Barbara, and Imperial. The Federal quarantine prohibits the movement of all birds from the regulated area.

### **Why is there a difference of counties included in the State and Federal quarantines?**

The USDA normally relies on States to restrict movement of animals and products within the state. Without declaring an extraordinary emergency,

the USDA only has the authority to restrict the movement of animals and products out of state. California quarantines counties directly affected by END virus. The USDA has determined the need for an extraordinary emergency to quarantine areas adjacent to the counties affected by END virus to prevent further spread of END.

### **Why are there different species of birds restricted under the State and Federal quarantines?**

Different species are included in the State and Federal quarantines because of differences between the State and Federal regulations. According to the Code of Federal Regulations, 9 CFR 82.3, the movement of *all* birds out of the quarantine area is to be restricted or prohibited, either because END has been confirmed in that area or because of the geographical proximity to areas in which END has been confirmed. Under the authority of CDFA's Food and Agricultural Code Section 9562, the regional quarantine imposed by the State Veterinarian affects only chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, grouse, partridges, pheasants, quail, Guinea fowl, pea fowl (peacocks), doves, pigeons, swans, and ratites (emus, ostriches, rheas, etc.).

### **What if I need to move bird species out of the Federal quarantine zone that are excluded from the State's quarantine?**

Bird owners wanting to move species not affected by the State quarantine can contact the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to obtain a permit for the approved movement of avian species out of the quarantine area.

A map of the new regulated area is available on the APHIS Web site and the CDFA Web site at:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/issues/enc/exoticnc.html> and  
[http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/ah/newcastle\\_info.htm](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/ah/newcastle_info.htm).

**For more information, contact the END information hotline at 1-800-491-1899 or visit the APHIS Web site and the CDFA Web site listed above.**