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### **SECOND PENNSYLVANIA AGRICULTURE HPAI CONFERENCE CALL TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 4 WITH UPDATES ABOUT MANDATORY TESTING ON BULK MILK TANKER TRUCKS**

*The Monthly Call Will Be Held on Wednesday, December 4 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 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, December 4 at 1 p.m. EST for producers and stakeholders from all animal ag industries. Panelists from the Department of Agriculture and other state/federal organizations will discuss the overall HPAI health situation and Pennsylvania's response efforts.

During the December 4 call, panelists will also address real-time questions from dairy and poultry stakeholders about the recent Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's action of mandatory milk testing at the processor level to determine if HPAI is circulating in lactating dairy cattle statewide. State agricultural officials say they have seen the impact of HPAI in other states that had not established proactive testing protocols, where economic losses, rapid spread, and mortality of animals later triggered testing protocols but could not undo the significant damage already caused by the virus left undetected.

Individuals who join the conference call will be able to ask 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](mailto:ctrdairyexcellence@gmail.com).

Learn more about how to join the conference call on December 4:

- **Date:** Wednesday, December 4 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](http://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](http://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](http://centerfordairyexcellence.org).

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