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PENNSYLVANIA AGRICULTURE HPAI CONFERENCE CALL TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 13 WITH UPDATES ABOUT HPAI FOR STAKEHOLDERS FROM ALL ANIMAL AG INDUSTRIES

The Monthly Call Will Be Held on Wednesday, November 13 at 1 p.m. EST

Harrisburg, Pa. – With HPAI impacting both dairy and poultry farms across the country right now, the Center for Dairy Excellence and Penn Ag Industries Association will host a new, joint monthly Pennsylvania Agriculture HPAI Conference Call on Wednesday, November 13 at 1 p.m. EST for producers and stakeholders from all animal ag industries. This new combined call aims to provide updates on the rapidly evolving animal health situation concerning highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) affecting farms across the United States. With the HPAI situation in California ever evolving and affecting both dairy and poultry farms, it is important for both industries to join calls to receive the latest information, updates, and learn about steps to take to remain proactive about protecting our herds and flocks.

“I appreciate these calls concerning HPAI. As a producer, these calls are the only place that I have found to get accurate and up-to-date information about HPAI. I appreciate the ability to hear from our state vets and other experts. I also really appreciated being able to hear from another farmer who had gone through this in his own herd,” said Jennifer Heltzel, a dairy producer from Blair County, PA. “I have learned about resources available to me that I didn’t know about. In particular, I didn’t realize that we probably don’t have a premise ID. I guess it’s something we have taken for granted. As a result of the calls, we are considering signing up for the weekly testing program. I wish more farmers and industry salespeople would listen to these calls.”

During the November 13 call, panelists from the Department of Agriculture and other state/federal organizations will share updates on the HPAI health situation, Pennsylvania’s response efforts, and what it means for farms. The panelists will share:

- Updates from the PA Department of Agriculture on HPAI, Voluntary Surveillance, and being proactive in our response
- Updates on federal testing requirements and programs
- Updates from PA Department of Health on personal protective equipment (PPE) assistance programs

Individuals who join the conference call will be able to ask real-time 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.

Learn more about how to join the conference call on November 13:

- **Date:** Wednesday, November 13 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

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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 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.

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