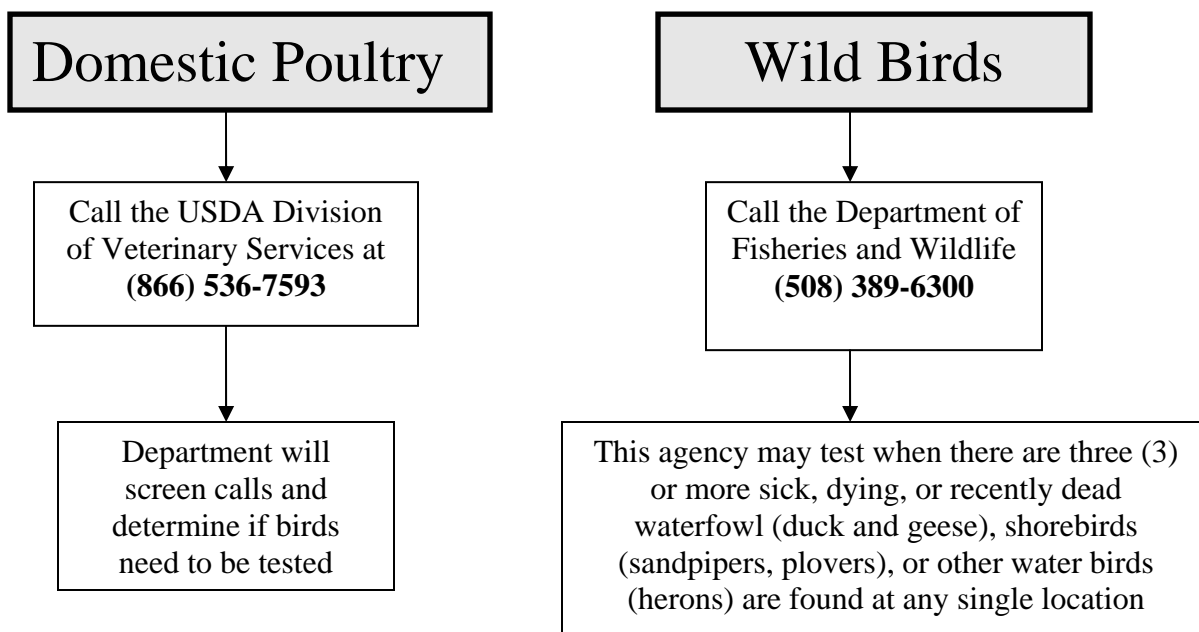


Avian Influenza (H5N1) Bird Testing

Currently there are no avian influenza (H5N1) cases in either birds or people in Boston. The following is a list of local agencies that will provide bird testing if needed.



Below is a description of agencies that are working on H5N1 bird surveillance

Domestic Poultry

- **USDA Division of Vet Services**
Hotline number (866-536-7593) can provide information regarding domestic poultry testing.

Wild Bird Testing

- **Department of Fisheries and Wildlife**
Agency is collecting over 400 bird samples for the purpose of testing for H5N1 bird flu. Website: http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/dfw_avian_flu_response.htm
- **USDA Department of Agriculture Division of Wildlife Services**
Agency is testing 1,000 bird dropping and water samples taken from the environment. Also, agency is conducting surveillance of wild birds.

To find answers to Frequently Asked Questions about avian influenza please see:
http://www.mass.gov/dph/cdc/epii/flu/avian_flu_faq.pdf

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