

## Avian Influenza Informational Meetings

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The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is holding five regional meetings to inform backyard poultry owners about the highly pathogenic avian influenza virus that is expected to be introduced in the state this fall.

Veterinarians with NCDA&CS and the N.C. State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will give an overview of the U.S. outbreak and how North Carolina is planning to protect commercial poultry and small flocks. They will also answer questions about the registry for backyard flock owners and provide more information about how backyard and small-flock owners can protect their flocks from potential infection.

The meetings will be held in the following locations from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Although pre-registration is not required, pre-registration is available at [www.ncagr.gov/avianflu](http://www.ncagr.gov/avianflu).

#### Meeting locations are:

- \* **Sept. 1**, Guilford County Center, 3309 Burlington Road, Greensboro, Contact: Karen Neill, [336-641-2400](tel:336-641-2400)
- \* **Sept. 2**, Union County Center, 3230 Presson Road, Monroe, Contact: Kelly Liddington, [704-283-2801](tel:704-283-2801)
- \* **Sept. 4**, Nash County Center, 1006 Eastern Ave., Nashville, Contact: Charlie Tyson, [252-459-9810](tel:252-459-9810)
- \* **Sept. 8**, Duplin County Center, 165 Agriculture Dr., Kenansville, Contact: Amanda Hatcher, [910-296-2143](tel:910-296-2143)
- \* **Sept. 11**, Burke County Center, 130 Ammons Dr., Morganton, Contact: Spring Williams, [828-439-4460](tel:828-439-4460)

For accommodations for persons with disabilities, contact the appropriate person at each location no later than five business days before the event.

