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ADVISORY: Bird Flu Guidance for Missouri Livestock and Poultry Owners

The Office of Senator Jill Carter, based on conversations with the Missouri Department of Agriculture, is issuing this advisory to inform livestock and poultry owners about the potential transmission of avian influenza (bird flu) to cattle and humans. While such transmission is extremely rare and has never been reported in Missouri, it is important for producers to remain informed and take necessary precautions.

Key Information:

- In the rare event that a cow contracts bird flu, the affected cow's milk must be disposed of for several weeks until the virus clears. After recovery, the cow may safely resume milk production.
- Larger poultry operations with a company veterinarian should report any positive bird flu cases through their vet, as veterinarians are mandatory reporters to the Missouri Department of Agriculture.
- Smaller, family-run poultry operations should report positive bird flu cases directly to the Missouri Department of Agriculture by calling (573) 751-3377.
- Immediate testing is crucial and encouraged due to the ability of compensation if your other livestock becomes affected. Reimbursement may be available under the federal Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP). More information about eligibility and assistance can be found at: [USDA Livestock Indemnity Program](#).

The health and safety of Missouri's agricultural community remain a top priority. If you have concerns or need to report a case, please use the contact information provided above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jill Carter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jill" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Carter".

Senator Jill Carter

Missouri State Senate