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Greetings!

In about one week, you will receive a phone call to complete a survey for an important study. The Turkey Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) Case-Control 2022 Study is being conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS), with assistance from the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) and with support from State and national poultry organizations as part of the HPAI investigation efforts to identify factors that may contribute to transmission of avian influenza virus to turkeys.

The study gathers data based on the experience of people who raise turkeys and includes questions about things done daily on the farm, characteristics of the facility and premises, deliveries to the farm, and exposure to wild birds.

We are especially grateful for your help because it is only by asking people like you to share your experiences that we can improve our shared understanding of practices, needs, and challenges in preventing HPAI. This study will provide you with tangible biosecurity actions you can take to help prevent this disease in the future and identify areas for investment in biosecurity measures to reduce risk for this disease. Even if your farm has not been impacted by HPAI, your participation could help guide future work on prevention and help other operations.

Your participation in this study is voluntary and responses to this survey will be kept confidential, as required by federal law.

Thank you for your time and consideration in supporting this valuable study. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 1-888-424-7828.

Sincerely,

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The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. In accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title III, Public Law 115-435 and other applicable Federal laws, your responses will be kept **confidential** and will not be disclosed in identifiable form to anyone other than employees or agents. By law, every employee and agent has taken an oath and is subject to a jail term, a fine, or both, if he or she willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about you or your farm. Response is **voluntary**.

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