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## **RE: Ontario poultry sector gradually returns to standard operations after AI incident**

The Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC) has been notified by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) that the 3-kilometer Avian Influenza Control Zone (AICZ) established in the St Catharines area on July 10 has been removed. Licensing will no longer be required for the movement of animals, products and equipment in this area.

All commercial and non-commercial farms from the zone have been released from quarantine, with the exception of the one infected premises, where cleaning and disinfecting processes are still underway. The quarantine on the infected premises will be removed upon completion of the 21-day waiting period that follows cleaning and disinfection of the infected premises under CFIA oversight.

All industry sectors continue to work effectively together to ensure that any risk for the spread of this disease is mitigated through proper biosecurity protocols. Procedures should be in place on all Ontario poultry farms and be practiced throughout the entire poultry industry. All Ontario poultry producers and industry stakeholders can resume their individual standard biosecurity practices.

FBCC would like to thank poultry producers, small flock growers and industry partners for their cooperation, support and assistance in the successful control of this disease incident.

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