

INDUSTRY INFECTIOUS LARYNGOTRACHEITIS (ILT) DISEASE ADVISORY **Grey County**

May 8, 2017

On behalf of the four feather boards, the Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC) is issuing an ILT Disease advisory to all poultry industry service providers operating in Grey County.

FBCC has been alerted by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) that a bird from a small backyard chicken flock in Grey County has tested positive for Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT). The bird was 5.5 weeks old and was purchased 2 weeks ago from local sources. Because the flock is not part of the Family Food Growers data base, no location information below the county level is available to the FBCC.

The lab submission came through the *Small Flock Surveillance Project* administered by OMAFRA and the University of Guelph. OMAFRA staff are providing advice to the small flock owner and his veterinarian to ensure proper biosecurity and disease control measures are implemented.

Please reinforce your biosecurity protocols if working with flocks or travelling through Grey County. Suspend all non-essential visits. For essential visits, apply the following recommended biosecurity measures: wearing boots, protection suits, hats and gloves/hand washing. All deliveries/loading should be last on the route. Wash and disinfect the truck's undercarriage and steps before proceeding with any other delivery/loading. Do not go to another farm within 12 hours.

Should you be aware of health concerns in flocks you deal with, please advise the farmer to contact their veterinarian as well as their Board.

We anticipate this advisory status to last until mid June.

You will be alerted of any changes in status through the FBCC website at www.fbcc.ca

