

Symptoms of Avian Influenza in poultry

Clinical signs of AI are highly variable. They may be influenced by the strain of the virus, the age and species of bird affected, and the presence or absence of other diseases and prevailing environmental conditions.

The main symptoms include

- sudden and unexplained deaths
- a rapid spread of the disease throughout the flock
- depression and loss of appetite
- a drop in egg production
- nervous signs
- facial swelling
- coughing, sneezing and diarrhoea

Although the symptoms of AI can be similar to those of other common poultry diseases, if you suspect your poultry are infected with AI then you must call

- your vet or
- your technical advisor or
 - the MPI Exotic Pest and Disease Hotline on 0800 80 99 66

An experienced exotic disease investigator with access to poultry specialists will answer your call.



Swollen Wattles

(Picture courtesy of USA Animal Health Association)



Cyanotic shanks

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Swollen wattles & comb

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Blue discoloration of comb in chicken on left, normal chicken on right

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