

**POULTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD**  
**ACTIVITIES AIMED AT CURBING THE**  
**SPREAD OF HPAI IN GHANA**

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# INTRODUCTION

- The Poultry Development Board is an umbrella organization for the Poultry Industry
- Inaugurated on September 9, 2005
- Membership of the Board takes into account the various stakeholders in the Industry. It includes
  - Poultry Farmers,
  - Hatchery and Processing Plant Operators
  - Grain Farmers,
  - Feedmillers,
  - Animal Health Specialists,
  - Researchers and
  - Officials of Banking Institutions.



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## MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:-

- Rev. Dr. Kwabena Darko - Chairman, Processor
- Mr. Thomas Ahima - National Best Farmer also a Grain & Poultry Farmer.
- Mr. Ken Quartey - Poultry Farmer & Chairman, GNAPF
- Mr. Kofi Agyei-Henaku - Executive Secretary, GNAPF
- Mr. Benjamin Quaye - Feed Miller
- Barima Owusu-Afari - Poultry Farmer, Hatchery Operator
- Dr. J. A. Awuni - Directorate, Veterinary Services
- Dr. Naaminong Karbo - Director, Animal Research Institute
- Mr. Kofi Adu Mensah - A Banker, CEO Ghana Financial Services
- Mr. Kwame Attrams - A Banker, Agric Dev't Bank
- Mr. Nicholas K. Oteng - Member Executive Secretary of the Board is (a Banker)

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## MANDATE

The Board has been mandated to perform the following:

- a) Advise the Government on the development, growth, modernization and sustainability of the Poultry Industry.
- b) **Ensure adequate and continuous supplies of essential feed ingredients, quality day old chicks and veterinary medicaments, vaccines and diagnostic equipment and reagents.**
- c) Establish procedures for hatchery practice and quality control of day old chicks and feeds.



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## MANDATE

- d) Promote rigorous modernization of the Industry and the production of processed poultry product to meet culinary demands for the citizen and tourists and also for export.
- e) Establish procedures for regulating the Industry and monitory chick placements with the view to avoiding seasonal gluts or shortages of eggs and chickens which have hitherto been a perennial event.
- f) Advise Government on sound polices for monitoring and review of duties and taxes on imported raw materials as well as poultry products so as to maintain the competitiveness of locally produced poultry and poultry products vis-à-vis imports.
- g) Establish research, data and information dissemination system for products.



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# ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD TO AVERT THE SPREAD OF HPAI



# PRE-OUTBREAK

## THE SCARY PERIOD

- Meeting with the Executive Secretary of Independent Private Broadcasters Association.
- Subsequent submission of a letter to request the private media houses to curtail the indiscriminate jokes and unguarded statements about the safety of poultry and poultry products following the news of the outbreak of bird flu in the sub-region.

# PRE-OUTBREAK

## THE SCARY PERIOD

- Importance of Farm Bio-security highlighted at maiden meetings with Poultry Farmers in all seven (7) southern regions
- The Board Chairman in all his responses to welcome address at all the meetings did make mention of the fact that poultry farmers were guilty of non adherence to Biosecurity measures





# OUTBREAK

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- Negotiation with MOFA for compensation payable to Operators in the Poultry Industry who experienced the incidence of HPAI on their farms.
- The compensation rates agreed upon range between 50% and 90% of the prevailing market prices.
- The details are as follows;

# COMPENSATION RATES

Class of bird	Market price (GH¢)	%Payment	Amount paid (GH¢)
<b>Parent</b>			
Broiler	12.00	90%	10.80
Layer	9.00	90%	8.10
<b>Commercial</b>			
Layer	5.00	85%	4.30
Broiler	5.50	80%	4.40
Turkey	50.00	80%	40.00
Duck	3.00	70%	2.10
Cockerels	3.00	70%	2.10

## Compensation Rates cont'd

Class of Bird	Market price (GH¢)	% payment	Amount paid "GH¢"
<b>Commercial</b>			
Table eggs	0.10 per egg	50%	0.05
Fertile eggs	0.30 per egg	60%	0.18
Day-old-chicks (broilers)	0.70	90%	0.65
Day-old-chicks (layers)	1.10	90%	1.00
Guinea fowl	3.00	70%	2.10

# OUTBREAK

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- Organized Farm Bio-security Workshops in two phases
  - Two (2) Resource persons used were drawn from membership of the Board namely
    - Dr. Joseph A. Awuni
    - Mr. Kenneth Quartey

# Topics Treated

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- “Farm Biosecurity in the prevention and control of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Ghana” – A Veterinarian perspective
- “Farm Biosecurity in the prevention of Avian Influenza in Ghana” – Farmer’s perspective

# TARGET GROUPS

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- Comprise all categories of commercial poultry farmers, namely;
  - small scale
  - medium scale and
  - large scale.

# TARGET GROUPS / REGIONS:-

The Regions where the workshops were organized and the respective attendance are as shown in the table below with attendance and dates.

## FIRST PHASE

<u>Region</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Date</u>
Ashanti	35	25th July, 2007
Brong-Ahafo	70	26th July, 2007
Western	95	22nd August, 2007
Central	49	23rd August, 2007
Greater Accra	50	8th August, 2007
Volta	92	29th August, 2007
Eastern	65	5th Sept. 2007

# TARGET GROUPS - DISTRICTS /MUNICIPAL:-

## SECOND PHASE

<u>District / Municipal</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Date</u>
Techiman	80	15 <sup>th</sup> November, 2007
Dormaa	100	15 <sup>th</sup> November, 2007
Denu	50	21 <sup>st</sup> November, 2007



# REGIONAL WORKSHOPS IN THE NORTH :-

The Board organized workshop in the three regions of the north i.e. Northern, Upper West and Upper East regions in early part of this month.

The northern programme included Biosecurity Education and promotion of commercial production of Guinea Fowl. The resource persons for the programme were Dr. Franklin. K. Avornyo of Animal Research Institute Nyankpala and Mr. Kenneth Quartey.

## THIRD PHASE

Region	Attendance	Date
UPPER WEST (Wa)	26	3rd June, 2008
UPPER EAST (Bolgatanga)	70	5th June, 2008
NORTHERN (Tamale)	65	6th June, 2008

# Topics Treated

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- “Guinea fowl production in northern Ghana: cost benefit analysis”
- “Farm Biosecurity in the prevention of Avian Influenza in Ghana” – Farmer’s perspective

# CHALLENGES CONFRONTING THE POULTRY INDUSTRY

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## Exorbitant cost of disinfectants:-

- Poultry Farmers, particularly the very small ones lamented over the high cost of disinfectants which is beyond their reach. A situation which is impeding the practice of Biosecurity on Farms.

## Poor quality Feed and Day-Old-Chicks:-

- Some Feedmillers and Hatcheries churn out feed and chicks which farmers have encountered difficulties in either using or raising. The importance of setting standards for the two areas in the Poultry Industry can therefore not be over emphasized. Such standards will curtail the supply of sub-standard chicks. The standards will also prevent Feedmillers from selling substandard feed to Poultry Farmers.

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## Lack of Working Capital after the 2006 Avian Influenza scare:-

- Participants also lamented over working capital constraints the Industry is facing following the slump in 2006 arising out of the Avian Influenza Scare.
- Lack of proper husbandry practices for most Guinea Fowl farmers in the North

# THE WAY FORWARD

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The way forward is for the Ministry of Food and Agriculture to:-

- Undertake Poultry census of commercial farms
- Cause a legislation to be in place to regulate the production and distribution of Day Old Chicks in the country.
- Have a National Poultry Feed Standards to ensure their compliance by Feedmillers through the appropriate regulatory bodies.
- The suggestion was made for the Government to come out with the right policy to enhance Agricultural Credit Delivery in the country.
- Training of Guinea Fowl Farmers in good husbandry practices that would lead to an enhanced productivity.

# THANK YOU

