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#### **S.D. Poultry Exhibitions Suspension Rescinded**

Pierre, S.D. — The South Dakota Animal Industry Board has rescinded an order that suspended all poultry exhibitions statewide. The order banning poultry shows was put into place on May 20, 2015, in the midst of an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI).

The last detection of HPAI in the country occurred on June 17, 2015. Since that time, all control zones in South Dakota that had been established to prevent the spread of the disease have been released, and nine of the ten affected farms in South Dakota have restocked with poultry.

Poultry owners are encouraged to be vigilant for signs of illness in their birds, and to contact their veterinarian immediately if unusual death loss or illness is observed.