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## **MEMO: Release of Georgia LPAI Surveillance Zone**

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To whom it may concern:

**Effective today, April 19, 2017, the Georgia Low Pathogenic (LPAI) Surveillance Zone associated with premise located in Chattooga County, Georgia, is closed. All activity located with the ten (10) kilometer Surveillance Zone in the state of Georgia may return to normal operations.**

On this date, April 19, 2017, all surveillance testing has been completed in the Georgia LPAI Surveillance Zone surrounding the LPAI positive premises in Chattooga County, Georgia. This ten (10) kilometer zone extends into Alabama and all eligible commercial premises located in Alabama have also completed three (3) rounds of negative PCR testing.

On April 18, 2017, the third and final surveillance round of negative Avian Influenza PCR testing was completed for all commercial poultry within the ten (10) kilometer Georgia/Alabama Surveillance Zone.

On April 19, 2017, the third and final surveillance round of negative PCR testing was completed for all non-commercial poultry within the three (3) kilometer Georgia Surveillance Zone.

The primary premise consisting of four broiler breeder hen houses, multiple egg rooms and manure stack house remains under Georgia Department of Agriculture quarantine.

- Cleaning and disinfection of all four houses and equipment is in progress
- GDA quarantine G 12182, remains in effect until released by the Georgia Department of Agriculture upon completion of virus elimination and environmental negative sampling

The Georgia Department of Agriculture would like to thank all affected parties for their cooperation and professionalism during the recent event. The Department's Incident Command Team for Avian Influenza appreciates all of the assistance received from our numerous partners during this event.