

Avian flu

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view” and the signed senators urged the department to advance the process with “speed and diligence.”

A draft proposal for a bird flu vaccine strategy had not been filed in the Federal Register as of Friday. In June, Reuters reported USDA was “considering” a plan to vaccinate poultry for HPAI and expected the plan would be completed in July.

USDA did not respond Friday to a request for comment and for additional information on the vaccination plan.

Members of the Congressional Chicken Caucus, representing the interests of poultry producing states, submitted a letter to Rollins in February, noting they were wary of a vaccine, as it might interrupt export markets.

While the December letter from senators urged the advancement of the vaccine process, it also asked for “proactive consultation with affected stakeholders.”

“Any finalized vaccine strategy must take into account feedback from animal health stakeholders, industry experts, and be grounded in sound science,” the letter said.

Senators said the vaccine strategy should also

address “all impacted species” of poultry and that the department should then prioritize a vaccine strategy for dairy cattle.

“Finally, as the USDA rolls out any avian flu vaccine strategy, it is critical that clear and transparent communication to producers, veterinarians, and state animal health officials, along with direct guidance and resources are in place,” the letter said.

The letter was addressed to Rollins and dated Dec. 11. Signees included: Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minnesota; Sen. Mike Rounds, R-South Dakota; Sen. John Fetterman, D-Pennsylvania; Sen. John Thune, R-South Dakota; Sen. Ruben Gallego, D-Arizona; Sen. James Justice, R-West Virginia; Sen. Elissa Slotkin, D-Michigan; Sen. Michael Lee, R-Utah; Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-New York; Sen. Thom Tillis, R-North Carolina; Sen. Adam Schiff, D-California; Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa; Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Virginia; Sen. Jon Husted, R-Ohio; Sen. Tina Smith, D-Minnesota; Sen. Ted Budd, R-North Carolina; Sen. Mark Warner, D-Virginia; Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa; Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colorado; Sen. Todd Young, R-Indiana; Sen. Martin Heinrich, D-New Mexico; Sen. Bernie Moreno, R-Ohio; Sen. Ben Ray Lujan, D-New Mexico.

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SAYING 'THANK YOU' IS A LOST ART

Dear Heloise: Over the years, I have sent many wedding and graduation gifts in the form of cash tucked into cards. About 1 in 20 gifts resulted in a thank-you note. And I know why. The envelopes are opened, the cash is separated from the card, and no note is made as to who gave what and how much. Now some people simply don't have the good manners to respond, and others don't know to whom or how to respond.

I now give personal checks. My name and address are embossed on the checks. And, of course, the dollar amounts are readily apparent. Hence, there are no excuses for bad manners. Even so, the recipients' check endorsement signatures are usually the only acknowledgements that I receive.

A true bonus is the occasional "thank you" scrawled beneath the check endorsement.

-- Charles Tibbals, via emails

CLEANING OUT JARS

Dear Heloise: It's best to remove all the food remnants from jars and bottles before recycling, but getting jars of peanut butter clean can be especially challenging. I recently tried this:

Fill the container halfway with hot water, then pour in a "spritz" of liquid dishwashing detergent. Next, pour in a heaping teaspoon of uncooked rice (or any small, gritty particles). Replace the lid and shake vigorously. The combination of rice pieces, detergent and hot water should clean out the jar. -- Jerry Laub, in Ohio

PLACE MAT HINT

Dear Heloise: Some time ago, I bought some place mats that I've never used. This morning,

I used them to line the drawer where I keep my baking pans. Neat!

Also, in preparation for another snowy winter, I purchased a mat to go under my car in the garage, which will, in theory, catch the slush and salt from the roadways on my car. In order to line the car up properly, I use the camera on the dash to guide my entry into the garage. -- Madeline C., in Rutland, Vermont

PEACHES

Dear Heloise: My husband and I love local peaches. We anxiously await the new harvest in the early summer. The season ending is hard on us. We learned that sometimes the peaches at the end of the season have been in cold storage for too long and don't taste very good. Cooking them into a sauce solves the problem!

The peaches seem to taste great as a sauce. I add a tablespoon of sugar to 5-6 peaches and a shake of cinnamon. It is a favorite of ours, especially with cottage cheese. -- Pam R., in St. Louis

PET PAL

Dear Heloise: This is my rescue kitten, Mischief, who is now 19 years old and is still living up to her name. Yesterday I found her in the kitchen sink, where she was devouring a drumstick that she had torn off a baked chicken that I had left on the counter. We both enjoy your column in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. -- Barbara Witte, via email

Readers, to see Mischief and our other Pet Pals, go to Heloise.com and click on "Pet of the Week."

Do you have a furry friend to share with our readers? Send a photo and a brief description to [Heloise@Heloise.com](mailto:Heloise@Heloise.com). -- Heloise

**Today**  
**First Congregational UCC annual cookie walk:** 9 a.m. to noon, First Congregational United Church of Christ, 1611 Williams Drive.  
**Flea Market:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Webster County Fairgrounds, 22770 Old Highway 169 S. Admission is free.  
**FDPL holiday extravaganza:** 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Fort Dodge Public Library, 424 Central Ave.  
**Coffee and Conservation:** 10 a.m., Matt Cosgrove River's Edge Discovery Center, 20 N. First St. Topic is wintering birds.  
**KYL Drop-In Saturday:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Kendall Young Library, Webster City. Program: Yarn wrapped Christmas ornaments.  
**Pocahontas Hometown Christmas concert:** 4 p.m., Rialto Theater, Pocahontas. Freewill donation.  
**First Covenant Church Christmas Cantata:** 5 p.m., First Covenant Church, 201 Ave. H., doors open at 4:30 p.m.  
**Livermore annual Candy Cane Lane carriage rides:** 5 to 7 p.m., 308 Fourth Ave., Livermore. Freewill donation.  
**Lights at Kennedy:** 6 to 9 p.m., John F. Kennedy Memorial Park Campground, 1417 Nelson Ave. Freewill donation.  
**The Pub & Grub Comedy Tour:** 7 p.m. seating, 8 p.m. showtime, Fort Museum Opera House, 1 Museum Road. Tickets are \$25 at the door. Mature audiences only.  
**"Home Fire" concert:** 7:30 p.m., Iowa Central Community College Center for Performing Arts, Decker Auditorium, 1 Triton Circle. Tickets are \$35 per person.

**Sunday**  
**Livermore American Legion breakfast fundraiser:** 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Livermore Legion basement, Livermore. Tickets are \$10 per person.  
**Flea Market:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Webster County Fairgrounds, 22770 Old Highway 169 S. Admission is free.  
**Al-Anon Family Group:** noon, 1408 Fifth Ave. S.  
**First Covenant Church Christmas Cantata:** 10:30 a.m., First Covenant Church, 201 Ave. H., doors open at 4:30 p.m.  
**Clarion Holiday Tour of Homes fundraiser:** 4 p.m., The Bru, 215 Sixth St. S.W., Clarion. Tickets are \$45 per person, may be purchased by cash or check at Italics Boutique or First State Bank, both in Clarion.  
**Second Sunday Supper:** 5 to 7 p.m., Lehigh United Methodist Church, Lehigh. Carryouts available. Freewill donation.  
**Lights at Kennedy:** 6 to 9 p.m., John F. Kennedy Memorial Park Campground, 1417 Nelson Ave. Freewill donation.

Iowa Lottery

Friday, Dec. 12

**Iowa Pick 3 midday**  
6-8-7

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**Monday**  
**Fort Museum Christmas Market:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fort Museum Trading Post, 1 Museum Road.  
**Fort Dodge Noon Rotary:** Noon, Shiny Top Brewing, 520 Central Ave.  
**Art Club:** 1:30 p.m., Rose Legler room, Friendship Haven.  
**KYL LEGO build:** 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Kendall Young Library, Webster City.  
**Fort Dodge Civitan Club:** 5:30 p.m., Pizza Ranch, 3311 Fifth Ave. S.  
**KYL Tales Around the Town:** 5:30 p.m., Kendall Young Library, Webster City.  
**FDPL adult board game night:** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Fort Dodge Public Library large meeting room, 424 Central Ave.  
**Bingo:** 6:30 p.m., Opera House, Fort Museum and Frontier Village, 1 Museum Road. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Earlybirds start at 6:30 p.m.

For information on AA meetings, go to <https://www.aa-iowa.org>.

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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Use logic and process elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

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Rating: GOLD

Solution to 12/12/25

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7	2	4	1	9	8	5	3	6
6	1	9	5	3	7	4	2	8
9	4	6	8	1	2	3	7	5
8	3	2	9	7	5	6	4	1
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Rating: GOLD

Solution to 12/14/25

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