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# USDA Announces New Federal Order, Begins National Milk Testing Strategy to Address H5N1 in Dairy Herds

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***New Federal Order Will Require National Milk Testing and Support State Officials and Dairy Regulators; Builds on Actions to Protect Farms, Farmworkers and Communities from H5N1 Avian Influenza***

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 6, 2024** - Today, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is announcing the start of its [National Milk Testing Strategy](#) (NMTS), which builds on measures taken by USDA and federal and state partners since the outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5N1 in dairy cattle was first detected in March 2024.... [\[MORE\]](#)

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