



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

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Notice from California State Veterinarian:

Star Milling, located in Riverside County California, has been operating under prescriptive enhanced biosecurity procedures with active State and Federal oversight since virulent Newcastle disease (vND) was detected in California in May 2018. They have cooperated fully related to routing, dedicated truck use, truck cleaning and disinfection, perimeter security, employee biosecurity and modified handling procedures. The State conducts periodic audits to ensure mitigation procedures are followed.

Because Southern California feed mills have outbreak experience and effective critical controls to mitigate the spread of vND in place; to date, feed delivery has NOT been implicated in the spread of this virus. Their procedures work.

Looking forward, State and Federal oversight will continue and only movements that meet stringent disease control requirements will be permitted. We applaud the efforts of companies like Star Milling and believe their actions and success exemplify the concept of business continuity in the face of an outbreak.

For more information on business continuity requirements for producers, commonly referred to as "Secure Food Supply," see our website at:

<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/SecureFoodSupply.html>.

Sincerely,

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Director and State Veterinarian

