

Small-flock poultry health workshops for veterinarians

A growing number of Albertans are raising and producing their own food. As part of this trend, we have seen an increase in urban, and small poultry flocks – and many have been started by new and inexperienced owners. These owners are interested in providing the best care for their birds. Veterinarians and animal health technologists are essential to providing small poultry flocks and owners with advice on husbandry and preventative healthcare.

To support private veterinarians and their animal health technologists in providing services to small poultry flocks, Agriculture and Forestry (AF) is hosting small-flock poultry health workshops, funded by *Growing Forward 2*. These workshops will provide specific and relevant poultry health information to veterinarians and their registered animal health technologists who currently provide, or are interested in providing services for small flocks.

The day-long session will cover:

- Poultry necropsy wet lab
- Common poultry diseases
- Available diagnostics from AF
- Provincial and federal regulations relating to infectious diseases and preventative

This workshop is scheduled to take place in Lethbridge, Airdrie and Edmonton. The workshop will provide **six** hours of Continuing Education credits. To register, please use the contact information for each location below. As part of AF mandate to improve availability of veterinary services to small flock poultry producers, the workshops will be offered at no cost to the participant.

Airdrie – November 1, 2017 Contact: [Karen Wickerson](#) or [Joan St-Amand](#) 403-948-8575

Lethbridge – November 24, 2017 Contact: [Korina Smith](#) 403-381-5190

Edmonton – January 19, 2018 Contact: [Nichole Boutilier](#) 780-233-0472

If you have questions about the workshops or small-flock poultry health in Alberta, contact [Dr. Chunu Mainali](#) at 780-415-9624 (dial 310-0000 first for toll-free access in Alberta).