Biosecurity through Partnership

Government Industry Agreement for Biosecurity Readiness and Response

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This semi-regular update from the GIA Secretariat is intended to provide a general overview of the key matters considered by GIA governance bodies in the preceding month. It is not intended to communicate formal decisions by any of the parties, nor everything that happens within GIA. If there are any questions, or further information is required please contact ***steve.rich@gia.org.nz***

The Poultry Council: 1 September

The Poultry Council met on 1 September discussed the following:

- Progress on development of heat treatment guidance and testing protocols for decontamination methods
- Supply chain resilience planning for the poultry sector
- Planning for a trial of whole-house gassing
- Development of guidance on wild bird control practices
- Disposal and composting options, including resource consenting approaches
- Development of communications resources to support poultry biosecurity readiness and response
- Implementation of the Poultry Biosecurity Grant programme
- Clarification of roles and responsibilities for poultry biosecurity readiness and response
- Completion of work on the coordination and use of regional Coordination and Control Groups for an HPAI response.

Plant Biosecurity Council: 4 September

The Plant Biosecurity Council met on 4 September 2026 and discussed the following:

- Emerging biosecurity threats and recent detections of relevance to plant sectors.
- Improving collaboration between GIA Technical Leads and B3
- Next steps for the Plant Sector Māori Engagement Programme.
- Planning for the 2027/28 plant biosecurity work programme
- Research update on social licence, biosecurity engagement and community participation.
- Opportunities to improve public access to GIA strategies, research outputs and other non-sensitive information.

Poultry Council: 17 September

The Poultry Council met on Thursday 17 September 2026, and discussed the following:

- Progress update on heat treatment guidance and validation procedures
- Layer Repopulation Supply Chain Resilience project
- Whole House Gassing for depopulation, including assessment of UK and Australian approaches
- Poultry Biosecurity Grants Fund progress
- Development of wild bird control guidance and emerging control technologies
- Roles and Responsibilities work, including planning for an industry workshop
- Disposal planning and resource consenting, including composting options, council engagement, and emergency powers considerations.

Xylella Action Group (XAG): 21 September

The Xylella Working Group was presented with a trip report from Sandra Visnovsky on research conducted in France to investigate New Zealand native plants exposed to *Xylella fastidiosa*.