

Fowl pox one pager!

What is fowl pox? Fowl Pox is a slow spreading viral infection of poultry characterized by scab-like lesions on the skin of the unfeathered body parts, mouth or air passages. Infection may cause the chickens to have poor growth, poor feed conversion and a precipitous fall in egg production. Death may occur if the oral cavity or air passages become covered in lesions. The disease may occur in any age bird and during the warmer months of the year.



Transmission: The virus can be transmitted by direct contact with an infected chicken or by mosquitoes and flies. They sit on the lesions and move to a clean chicken, thus spreading the disease.

Treatment: There is no treatment for fowl pox. One method is by vaccination, but the vaccine is rarely available. Thus prevention, control and quick actions when there is an infection is key! If you see a chicken with these lesions remove it from the others and treat the wounds with Iodine/wound spray/F10 wound cream by covering the entire lesion (this will decrease spread). In most cases, the infected bird will recover from fowl pox within about 4 to 5 weeks with careful observation, good nutrition and supportive care, like boosting with a stresspack.



Prevention and control: You need to ensure your mosquito and fly control is good by using the following products:

