When should I think about using euthanasia in my flock?

- A bird is:
  - Visibly suffering: excessive weight loss, pain, distress
  - Not able to access food or water
  - Unlikely to recover
  - Not responding to treatment

How do I properly euthanize my poultry/small flock?

- The best method is CERVICAL DISLOCATION. This method is:
  - Humane when trained properly
  - Cost-effective
  - NOT feasible for larger flocks

How do I determine death?

- When you touch the edge of the bird’s eye, the third eyelid **should not** come across the cornea

- The pupil (black part of the eye) **should** be completely dilated (very large and round) and not moving anymore

- The bird **should not** be trying to or able to raise its head above body level

What are unacceptable ways of performing euthanasia?

- Drowning, bleeding the bird out, suffocation, vehicle exhaust, freezing, poisons, hitting the bird against a surface

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