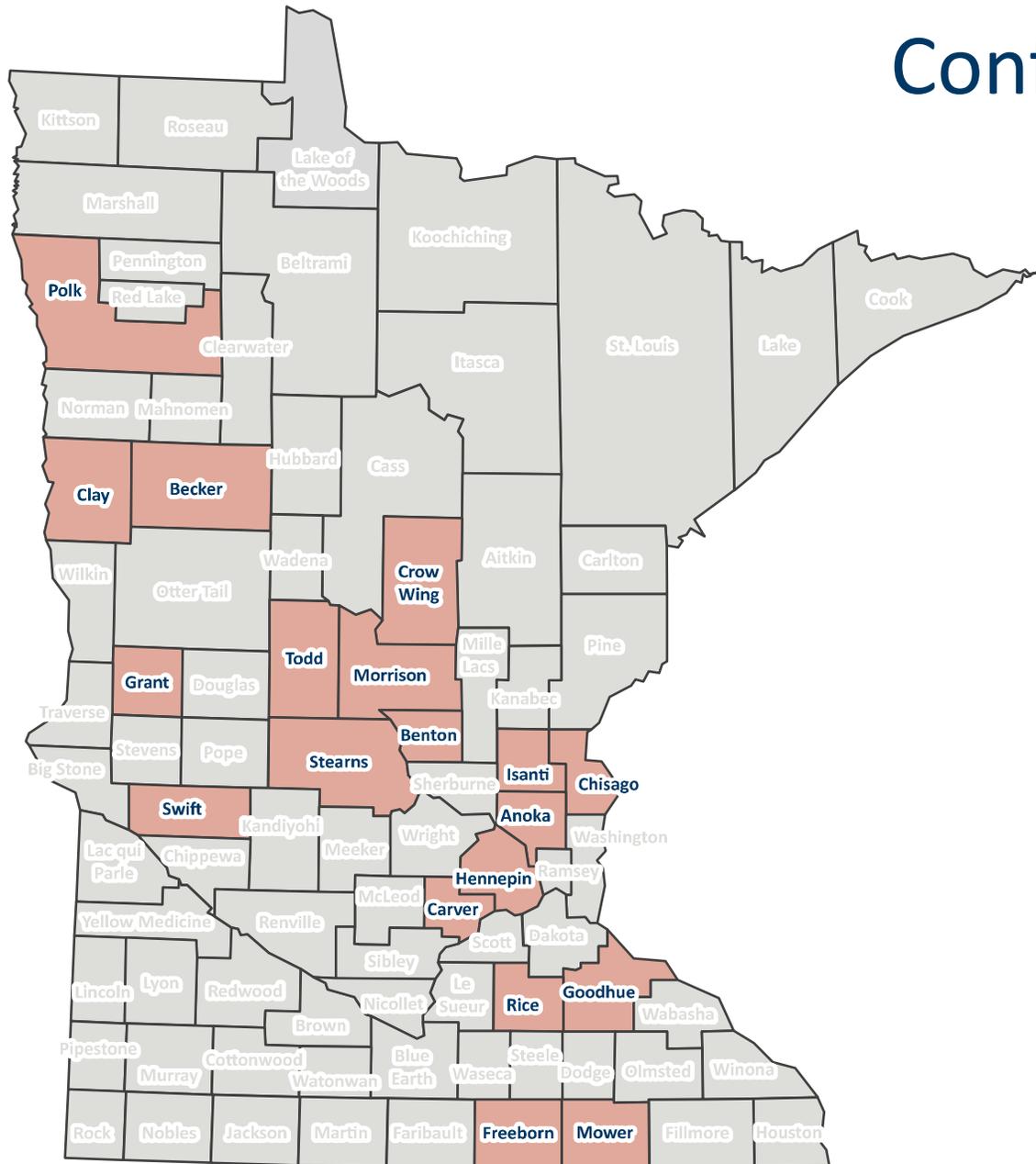




Backyard Flock Depopulation

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Confirmed Backyard Flocks in MN



- 27 confirmed flocks
- 19 counties
- Nearly 2,000 birds affected





MN Response Process

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Sick Bird Call

- Initial step in gathering information. Clinical signs? Size of flock? Species of birds? Unique information about the site?

Sample Submission

- Timeliness of this is key - Who can take samples and when? Properly filling out the submission form. How are the samples getting to the lab?

Positive Result

- Who gets notified? What information is shared? What paperwork chain needs to be initiated?

3D Process

Depopulation

- How big is the flock? What species of birds? Housing/enclosure type? How many hands are needed?
- Methods: CO2, KEDs, VSD+, foaming or combination

Disposal

- What does the owner want to do? What are the property/land limitations?
- Methods: Burial, digest bags, incineration, composting, or landfill

Decontamination

- Typically fallow periods are the best options

“The most beneficial preparation is the education before something happens. Once there is a positive, ensuring all the birds are penned up helps the most.”

“Every case is going to be different.”

“CO2 is the most viable depopulation method in most cases.”

“Empathy and the ability to relate goes a long way when talking with flock owners.”

Thank You!



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