

## Egg Drop Syndrome 76 (EDS-76)

**ABOUT:** Egg Drop Syndrome 76 (EDS-76) is a viral disease of chickens and ducks that reduces egg production and causes poor-quality eggs with thin or soft shells.

**SYMPTOMS:** Symptoms include a sudden drop in egg production, misshapen or soft-shelled eggs, and decreased hatchability. Birds typically do not appear sick otherwise.

**PREVENTION:** Prevention involves vaccinating flocks before the onset of lay, maintaining strong biosecurity, and avoiding contact with ducks and contaminated water sources.

**GETTING TESTED:** Blood samples from poultry can be tested for EDS-76 antibodies. Collect at least 0.5 mL of blood in a red- or yellow-top tube. Samples should be refrigerated after collection and shipped with an ice pack.

Tests are processed on Monday, and results are reported the same day.

