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This adaptation, while not ideal, will help to best protect the broader egg supply from possible HPAI risk and more significant disruptions. Because of this, beginning the week of April 4<sup>th</sup>, you may see a partial decrease in your order fill rate, which could continue until the threat of this outbreak subsides and our supply chain is resumed.

Through ongoing communication, we will share the amount and duration of impact to orders to each of our customers. Our sales and customer service team members will be working closely with you on an order-by-order basis.

These are challenging times. We recognize your concern and appreciate your understanding as we adapt to best control the spread of HPAI to our hens and secure your egg supply.

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