

# Batten Down the Hatches!

To combat the spread of Avian Influenza and other poultry diseases, there are four basic steps that poultry growers can take to prevent and rid rodent infestation:

1. Sanitation
2. Rodent-proof construction
3. Rodent population reduction
4. Evaluation

For this ALL-IN segment, we'll highlight rodent-proof construction . . .

You likely will never be able to build a total fortress against rodent invasion, but here are some must-do measures that can certainly help lessen the chance of yet another potential disease carrier infecting your birds.


- Make sure load-out and walk-in doors close and seal properly.
- Check that corrugated metal siding is sealed and that corner seams are tight.
- Properly seal openings surrounding feed augers, water lines and electrical conduits entering the poultry house from the outside. A gravel strip around the perimeter of the house helps discourage rodent entry.

Do all you can to "batten down the hatches" and close up any potential entry points for rodents.

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