



AVIAN INFLUENZA  
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# ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH AGENCY - AVIAN INFLUENZA INCIDENT RESPONSE

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**Sector:** Government

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Since late October 2021, Sunbelt Rentals have played a crucial role in the UK's response to the largest ever outbreak of Avian Influenza (Bird Flu). The rapid response required by the Animal & Plant Health Agency (APHA) means that short notice and out of hours requests for equipment hire are almost always the case at any location in the UK.

Sunbelt Rentals has coordinated the response through the Government Helpdesk at Walsall Wood across 15 supply depots supported by our 360 Solutions teams during the Christmas period.

## THE CHALLENGE

Sunbelt Rentals, were required to provide a consistent and reliable service in response to the largest ever outbreak of Avian Influenza within the UK, with the ability to react within short timescales, enabling APHA to complete their operation.

## THE SOLUTION

Sunbelt Rentals have a network of geographically and strategically selected depots across the UK that have equipment retained solely for APHA should an incident require a response.

The team at Sunbelt Rentals worked with APHA to plan their operations effectively and supplied plant and equipment at over 50 sites, enabling Government contingency operations to commence without delay with some equipment deployed within a matter of hours.

## THE RESULTS

The flexible and professional approach, along with a reliable supply, exceeding expectations where possible, has been a key factor in APHAs ability to respond to an outbreak of this scale and ensure the spread of disease is mitigated in as timely a manner as possible to safeguard the UK's bird population and minimise the impact on trade.

The service provided by Sunbelt Rentals offers APHA a complete 360 Solution to ensure their operation runs smoothly on a 24/7 365 basis. We also provide APHA with a fully coordinated continuous support package for breakdowns, servicing and logistics requirements across our specialists' businesses.

▲ The forward-thinking attitude of the team at Sunbelt Rentals has allowed constructive open discussions throughout this unprecedented period along with comprehensive planning at challenging times such as Christmas and New year, during which supply was required and duly delivered. The flexible & professional approach along with a reliable supply, exceeding expectations where possible has been a key factor in Animal and Plant Health Agency's ability to respond to an outbreak of this scale. ▲

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