Common & foreign animal diseases harm animal health and are costly. They can cause death loss, decreased egg production, and slowed growth. Examples of such diseases include:

- **Avian Influenza (AI)**
- **Fowl Cholera**
- **Mycoplasma sp.**
- **Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT)**

The 2014-15 HPAI outbreak cost $879 million to control and had a $3.3 billion U.S. economic impact. ILT costs the industry millions of $ per year.

Poultry diseases are spread by:

- New or replacement birds
- Wild birds, rodents, insects
- Vehicles, animal transport, equipment
- Clothing, footwear, hands

Keeping diseases out:

- Have a biosecurity plan and enforce it
- Separate new animals and sick animals, limit people access
- Clean clothing, footwear, hands, equipment, vehicles

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