

Suggested Questions for Massachusetts Officials to ask of...

Fred Pucker, CEO, PuckerUp Poultry, Inc.:

- Is the part about two-headed chickens true?
- How/Why did the chickens get sick?
- Why wouldn't they go near their feed?
- Has this ever happened before?
- What are you doing about this?
- How many farms do you have?
- Where did you get your feed?
- Where is chicken processed, and couldn't that keep dioxin from getting to humans?
- Do you raise organic chickens? Why not?

Alabama Department of Public Health:

- Where does Dioxin come from?
- How did it get in the chickens?
- How are you investigating this?
- What are you going to tell the public?
- Are you, personally, concerned about the human health implications of this episode?
- Are you worried other meat products might be contaminated (beef, pork, etc.)?
- Did any people get sick or report problems to DPH?
- What will you do about protecting livestock in the future?

United States Food and Drug Administration:

- Who are you?
- What is the FDA?
- Are you responsible for ensuring that our chicken is safe?
- Do you regulate dioxin in food?
- Would you eat the chicken?

Public Health Scientist w/expertise on Dioxin:

- What is dioxin?
- Where does it come from?
- How could it contaminate/kill chickens?
- What happens to humans who are exposed to dioxin?
- If something causes cancer, why would chickens be born with two heads? What other problems might there be, other than cancer?
- Could people eating dioxin-contaminated chicken get sick?
- How much dioxin do we need to eat to get sick?
- Should people in Massachusetts be concerned about this?