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Meanwhile, both government and the private sector have been called to urgently step up efforts to assist the poultry industry to recover from the outbreak.

The Eggbert Farm in Boksburg has lost nearly 400,000 layer hens and MEC Lebogang Maile says that both the government and the private sector must intervene and help poultry producers.

Maile says experts have been deployed to affected areas to try and curb the spread of the virus.

A number of poultry producers have lost millions in revenue with some saying it may take them a couple of years to recover from the outbreak.