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**NOTICE – Consumption Advisory for Sandhill Cranes banded with numbered yellow leg bands (approximate 3” in length).**

Anyone that harvests a sandhill crane with a three inch yellow leg band is advised to **contact the International Crane Foundation (ICF) prior to consumption. 608-356-9462 (ext. 146 or ext. 125)**

These birds were captured with an animal drug called Alpha Chloralose (AC) for banding and research purposes. Human consumption of these birds is not recommended within 30 days of the bird’s capture since food studies in relationship to this animal drug have not been completed.

The bands are very noticeable as they are three inches in length and are found above the hock (tibio-tarsal joint). All the banding combinations for sandhill cranes are listed on the ICF website, with descriptions; <http://www.savingcranes.org/banding-programs.html> The ONLY researchers using AC to band is ICF, and any bird with a YELLOW 3” numbered band could have been exposed to AC, (not the other colors).

This method of capture has been used for years and from the data collected it is highly unlikely that sandhill cranes banded this year would move to areas where sandhill crane hunting has been approved within the 30-day period where consumption would not be advised.

Everyone is encouraged to report all sandhill cranes bands, including those that are on live birds and that can be identified from a distance. The International Crane Foundation has a great interest in the movement and distribution of all banded and marked birds. 608-356-9462 (ext. 146 or ext. 125)