

Avian Influenza Report

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Summary

- 1. Since the previous issue of Avian Influenza Report (AIR), there were no new human cases of avian influenza A(H7N9). Since March 2013 (as of November 9, 2024), there were a total of 1568 human cases of avian influenza A(H7N9) reported globally (all were reported in the seven waves between 2013 and September 2019). The latest case was reported on April 5, 2019.
- 2. Since the previous issue of AIR, there were no new human cases of avian influenza A(H5N6). Since 2014 (as of November 9, 2024), there were 93 human cases of avian influenza A(H5N6) reported globally and 92 of them occurred in Mainland China. The latest case was reported on July 24, 2024.
- 3. Since the previous issue of AIR, there were no new human cases of avian influenza A(H5N1). From 2014 to 2023, 0 to 145 confirmed human cases of avian influenza A(H5N1) were reported to the World Health Organization (WHO) annually (according to onset date).* The latest case was reported on November 4, 2024.

^{*} Since November 21, 2012, WHO only publishes information on human cases with avian influenza A(H5N1) infection in "<u>Influenza at human – animal interface: Monthly Risk Assessment Summary</u>". Only cases of human infection with H5N1 involved in events that are unusual or associated with potential increased risks will be reported in Disease Outbreak News. The latest <u>report</u> was published in October 2024.

This week's highlights

(Sources: World Health Organization (WHO), Overseas health authorities, National Health Commission (NHC), Mainland health authorities, Ministry of Agriculture of the People's Republic of China, Centre for Health Protection (CHP) and World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH; Founded as OIE))

Table 1. Hong Kong: Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A(H5N1 / H5N6 / H7N9) since previous issue of AIR

	No. of H5 cases (No. of deaths)	No. of H7N9 cases (No. of deaths)	Details
In this reporting period	0(0)	0(0)	-

Table 2. Outside Hong Kong: Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A(H5N1 / H5N6 / H7N9) since previous issue of AIR

Date of report	Country	Province / Region	District / City	Sex	Age	Condition at time of reporting	Subtype of virus
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Table 3. Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A(H5N1) reported to WHO / Overseas health authorities / NHC since 2003 (by onset date) \S

Year	Cases	Deaths	Case fatality rate
2003	4	4	100%
2004	46	32	69.6%
2005	98	43	43.9%
2006	115	79	68.7%
2007	88	59	67.0%
2008	44	33	75.0%
2009	73	32	43.8%
2010	48	24	50.0%
2011	62	34	54.8%
2012	32	20	62.5%
2013	39	25	64.1%
2014	52	22	42.3%
2015	145	42	29.0%
2016	10	3	30.0%
2017	4	2	50.0%
2018	0	0	0%
2019	1	1	100%
2020	1	0	0%
2021	2	1	50.0%
2022	6	1	16.7%
2023	12	4	33.3%
2024	34	3	8.8%
Overall	916	464	50.7%

[§] Further breakdown by countries is available at WHO website

Table 4. Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A(H5N1) reported to WHO / Overseas health authorities / NHC since 2003 (by date of reporting)

Countries /Areas	Cumulative no. of cases (Dec 2003 to Nov 2024)	No. of recent cases (Jul to Nov 2024)
Australia	1	0
Azerbaijan	8	0
Bangladesh	8	0
Cambodia	72	5
Canada	1	0
Chile	1	0
Mainland China	56 [#]	0
Djibouti	1	0
Ecuador	1	0
Egypt	359	0
India	1	0
Indonesia	200	0
Iraq	3	0
Lao People's Democratic Republic	3	0
Myanmar	1	0
Nepal	1	0
Nigeria	1	0
Pakistan	3	0
Spain	2	0
Thailand	25	0
Turkey	12	0
United Kingdom	5	0
United States of America	22	18
Vietnam	129	0
Overall	916	23

[#] Including two cases from Mainland China detected in Hong Kong and one case imported from Vietnam

Table 5. Cumulative numbers of confirmed cases of human infection with avian influenza A(H5N6) since 2014 and since January 2024 respectively (by date of reporting)

Confirmed H5N6 human cases have been reported in the following countries / areas		Cumulative no. of cases since 2014 (93 cases in total) (as of November 9, 2024)	Cumulative no. of cases since Jan 2024 (4 cases in total) (as of November 9, 2024)
	Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region	21	0
	Sichuan Province	15	1
	Guangdong Province	14	0
Mainland	Hunan Province	14	0
China	Chongqing Municipality	5	0
	Jiangsu Province	5	0
	Fujian Province	4	2
	Anhui Province	3	1

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	Jiangxi Province	3*	0
	Yunnan Province	2	0
	Zhejiang Province	2	0
	Beijing Municipality	1	0
	Guizhou Province	1	0
	Henan Province	1	0
Hubei Province		1	0
Lao People	e's Democratic Republic	1	0

^{*} one case was imported from Guangdong Province

Table 6. Cumulative numbers of confirmed cases of human infection with avian influenza A(H7N9) since 2013 and since October 2024 respectively

Confirmed H7N9 human cases have been reported in the following countries / areas		Cumulative no. of cases since 2013 (1568 cases in total) (as of November 9, 2024)	Cumulative no. of cases since Oct 2024 (0 case in total) (as of November 9, 2024)
	Zhejiang Province	310	0
	Guangdong Province	259	0
	Jiangsu Province	252	0
	Fujian Province	108	0
	Anhui Province	99	0
	Hunan Province	95	0
	Shanghai Municipality	57	0
	Jiangxi Province	52	0
	Sichuan Province	38	0
	Beijing Municipality	35	0
	Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region	31	0
	Hubei Province	31	0
	Hebei Province	29	0
Mainland	Henan Province	28	0
China	Shandong Province	28	0
	Guizhou Province	20	0
	Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region	14	0
	Chongqing Municipality	9	0
	Yunnan Province	8	0
	Shaanxi Province	7	0
	Gansu Province	6	0
	Liaoning Province	5	0
	Tianjin Municipality	5	0
	Jilin Province	3	0
	Shanxi Province	3	0
	Tibet Autonomous Region	3	0
	Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region	2	0
	Hong Kong	21*	0

Confirmed H7N9 human cases have been reported in the following countries / areas	Cumulative no. of cases since 2013 (1568 cases in total) (as of November 9, 2024)	Cumulative no. of cases since Oct 2024 (0 case in total) (as of November 9, 2024)
Taiwan	5*	0
Canada	2*	0
Macao	2#	0
Malaysia	1*	0

Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A infections other than avian influenza A(H5N1 / H5N6 / H7N9) reported in the past 6 months (as of November 11, 2024)

	Place of occurrence	No. of cases (No. of deaths)	Details
In this reporting period	Mainland China	7(0)	Avian influenza A(H9N2): Hubei A six-year-old boy with onset on October 7, 2024. Hunan A ten-month-old boy with onset on September 30, 2024. A one-year-old girl with onset on October 8, 2024. A three-year-old boy with onset on October 11, 2024. A five-year-old boy with onset on October 14, 2024. Jiangxi A seven-year-old boy with onset on October 8, 2024. Sichuan A 67-year-old woman with onset on September 23, 2024.
	United States of America	3(0)	Avian influenza A(H5): California: It was reported on November 11, 2024 that one additional adult dairy farm workers has exposure to H5N1-infected cattle. Washington: It was reported on November 11, 2024

^{*} All cases imported from Mainland China * The latest case imported from Mainland China

	Place of occurrence	No. of cases (No. of deaths)	Details	
			that two additional farm workers have exposure to H5N1-infected poultry.	
Previously reported cases (onset/ reported in	Mainland China	4(0)	Avian influenza A(H9N2): Chongqing Municipality: A three-year-old boy with onset on September 4, 2024. Guangdong Province: A three-year-old girl with onset on August 12, 2024. Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region: A three-year-old boy with onset on May 2, 2024. Guizhou Province: A 31-year-old woman with onset on June 15, 2024.	
	Ghana	1(0)	Avian influenza A(H9N2): Upper East Region: A child under five years old with ons on May 5, 2024. This is the first huma infection with avian influenze A(H9N2) virus reported in Ghana.	
the past 6 months)	United States of America	22(0)	Avian influenza A(H5): California: It was reported on October 18, 2024 that 13 adult dairy farm workers have exposure to H5N1-infected cattle. However, six of them were reported as infected with avian influenza A(H5N1). It was reported on October 28, 2024 that three additional adult dairy farm workers have exposure to H5N1-infected cattle. It was reported on October 29, 2024 that three more of the 16 cases reported previously were confirmed to be infected with avian influenza A(H5N1).	

Place of occurrence	No. of cases (No. of deaths)		Details
			that four additional adult dairy farm workers have exposure to H5N1-infected cattle.
			2024, in association with an ongoing multistate outbreak of avian influenza A(H5N1) in dairy cattle. It was reported on July 14, 2024 that four adult farm workers were involved in the depopulation of poultry with infection of avian influenza A(H5N1) virus. However, one of these four adult farm workers was reported as infected with avian influenza A(H5N1) on July 19, 2024.
		- 7	Washington:
			that six farm workers have exposure to H5N1-infected poultry.

Table 8. Hong Kong: Confirmed reports of avian influenza A(H5) or avian influenza A(H7N9) in poultry / wild birds / environmental samples since 2015

	No. of reports of H5 in poultry / wild birds / environmental samples	No. of reports of H7N9 in poultry / wild birds / environmental samples	Details
In this reporting period	1*	0	An environmental sample taken from the Mai Po Nature Reserve tested positive for avian influenza A(H5N1) virus.
Previously reported cases since 2015 (before this reporting period)	28*	1#	-

^{*} Carcass of a peregrine falcon found in Yuen Long on April 9, 2015 (H5N6)

Carcass of an oriental magpie robin found in Sai Kung on April 29, 2015 (H5N6)

Carcass of an oriental magpie robin found in Kwai Chung on November 17, 2015 (H5N6)

Carcass of a great egret found in Wong Tai Sin on December 31, 2015 (H5N6).

Chicken carcass found in Tuen Mun on February 14, 2016 (H5N6)

Chicken carcass found in Tai O on February 18, 2016 (H5N6)

Samples of faecal droppings collected at Mai Po Nature Reserve on November 25, 2016 (H5N6)

A sample of faecal droppings collected at Mai Po Nature Reserve on November 30, 2016 (H5N6)

A dead red-whiskered bulbul collected at Kowloon City on April 7, 2017 (H5N6)

A dead oriental magpie robin found in Tseung Kwan O on December 21, 2017 (H5N6)

A dead black-faced spoonbill found in the Hong Kong Wetland Park in Tin Shui Wai on December 21, 2017 (H5N6)

An environmental swab of a chopping board and skin swabs of a chilled duck sample taken from a fresh provision shop in Wan Chai on January 2 & January 9, 2018 (H5N6)

An oropharyngeal swab from a batch of chilled chicken taken at a fresh provision shop in Mong Kok, reported on January 23, 2018 (H5N6)

A black-headed gull carcass found in Ngau Hom Tsuen, Lau Fau Shan, reported on February 9, 2018 (H5N6)

A dead crested myna found at Kun Lung Wai, Fanling reported on April 9, 2018 (H5N6)

A swab sample taken from a bird cage housing a hill myna at a pet bird shop in Yuen Po Street Bird Garden in Mong Kok on April 7, 2018 (H5N6)

Samples of faecal droppings collected at Mai Po Nature Reserve reported on January 14, 2021 (H5N8)

Carcass of a peregrine falcon found in Wu Kai Sha reported on February 1, 2021 (H5N8)

Carcass of a black-faced spoonbill found in the Hong Kong Wetland Park in Tin Shui Wai reported on December 20, 2021 (H5N1)

Carcass of a Eurasian Curlew found in the Mai Po Nature Reserve reported on January 26, 2022 (H5N1)

Environmental sample collected from Mai Po Nature Reserve reported on November 16, 2022 (H5N1)

Carcass of a black-faced spoonbill found in Mai Po Nature Reserve reported on November 30, 2022 (H5N1)

Black-faced spoonbill carcass found in Hong Kong Wetland Park reported on December 12, 2022 (H5N1)

Environmental sample from Mai Po Nature Reserve reported on December 8, 2023 (H5N1)

Eurasian teal carcass found in the Mai Po Nature Reserve reported on December 21, 2023 (H5N1)

Pin-tailed snipe and Eurasian teal carcasses found in the Hong Kong Wetland Park reported on December 28, 2023 (H5N1)

Eurasian wigeon carcass found in the Hong Kong Wetland Park, reported on January 5, 2024 (H5N1)

Eurasian wigeon sample collected from the Hong Kong Wetland Park, reported on January 5, 2024 (H5N1)

Environmental sample collected from Mai Po Nature Reserve reported on November 8, 2024 (H5N1)

A sample of faecal droppings of live poultry taken from a poultry stall in Yan Oi Market in Tuen Mun reported on June 5, 2016 (H7N9)

Table 9. Outside Hong Kong: Confirmed avian influenza A(H5) or other highly pathogenic avian influenza in poultry / wild birds / environmental samples reported in this week – number of reports for various subtypes of virus

Subtype of virus	No. of reports		
H5N1	34		
H5N3	1		
H5N5	2		

Table 10. Outside Hong Kong: Confirmed avian influenza A(H5) or other highly pathogenic avian influenza in poultry / wild birds / environmental samples reported in this week – details of reports

Places of Occurrence	Details					
Hungary	Samples from poultry in Bács-Kiskun, Fejér, Csongrád-Csanád, Békés, Hajdú-Bihar and Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1).	November 4, 2024 November 5, 2024 November 6, 2024 November 7, 2024 November 8, 2024				
	Samples from poultry in Shimane were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1).	November 5, 2024				
Japan	Samples from birds in Hokkaido, Shiga and Niigata were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1).	November 8, 2024				
	Samples from poultry in Gangwon-do were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1).	November 5, 2024				
Korea	Samples from birds in Gyeonggi-do, Jeju and Ulsan were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1).	November 7, 2024				
	Samples from birds in Jeollabuk-do were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N3).	November 7, 2024				
Moldova	Samples from birds in Edineţ and Nisporeni were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1).	November 5, 2024 November 8, 2024				
Poland	Samples from poultry and birds in Wielkopolskie were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1).	November 5, 2024 November 7, 2024				
	Samples from birds in Dolnośląskie were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1).	November 7, 2024				
Turkey	Samples from poultry in Konya were tested positive for	November 5, 2024				

Places of Occurrence	Details	OIE Report Date		
	highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1).			
Czech Republic	Samples from poultry and birds in Jihomoravský were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1).	November 6, 2024		
	Samples from birds in Moravskoslezský, Zlínský and Jihočeský were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1).	November 6, 2024		
Italy	Samples from poultry and birds in Veneto were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1).	November 6, 2024		
Italy	Samples from birds in Friuli-Venezia Giulia were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1).	November 6, 2024		
Canada	Canada Samples from poultry in British Columbia and Saskatchewan were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1).			
Germany	Germany Samples from birds in Thüringen, Hamburg and Bayern were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1).			
Ukraine	Samples from birds in Mykolayiv were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1).			
United Kingdom	United Kingdom Samples from poultry and birds in England were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N5).			
United States of America	Samples from poultry in California, Florida, Utah and Oregon were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1).	November 7, 2024		
	Samples from birds in Pennsylvania were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1).	November 7, 2024		
Slovenia	Samples from birds in Podravska, Obalno-kraška, Spodnjeposavska and Osrednjeslovenska were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1).			

For cumulative reports of avian influenza A(H5) or other highly pathogenic avian influenza in poultry / wild birds, please refer to the \underline{WOAH} website.

Table 11. Countries / areas with documented human infection with avian influenza A(H7N9) or highly pathogenic avian influenza (including infections in humans/birds and relevant environmental samples) in the past 6 months (as of November 11, 2024)

	Human cases		Poultry cases / other related samples		Wild bird cases / other related samples	
Countries / Areas	Subtype of virus	Date of last report / onset of last reported case (Subtype in this report)	Subtype of virus	Date of last report (Subtype in this report)	Subtype of virus	Date of last report (Subtype in this report)
Albania	-	-	H5	30/10/2024 (H5N1)	-	-
Argentina	-	-	-	-	Н5	06/08/2024 (H5N1)
Australia	-	-	Н7	01/07/2024 (H7N9) 26/07/2024 (H7N8) 09/10/2024 (H7N3)	Н7	09/10/2024 (H7N8)
Austria	-	-	Н5	30/10/2024 (H5N1)	Н5	25/10/2024 (H5N1)
Belgium	-	-	-	-	Н5	23/08/2024 (H5N1) 16/10/2024* 25/10/2024 (H5N5)
Bhutan	-	-	H5	10/09/2024 (H5N1)	=	=
Brazil	-	-	-	-	Н5	14/06/2024 (H5N1)
Bulgaria	-	-	H5	14/10/2024 (H5N1)	=	=
Burkina Faso	-	-	H5	04/06/2024 (H5N1)	-	-
Cambodia	H5	11/08/2024 (H5N1)	H5	01/08/2024 (H5N1)	-	-
Canada	-	-	Н5	07/11/2024 (H5N1)	Н5	20/09/2024* 15/10/2024 (H5N1) 15/10/2024 (H5N5)
Mainland China						
Anhui	Н5	17/06/2024 (H5N6)	-	-	-	-
Fujian	H5	08/05/2024 (H5N6)	-	-	-	-
Qinghai	-	-	-	-	Н5	21/05/2024 (H5N1)
Tibet	-	-	-	-	Н5	05/06/2024*
Zhejiang	-	-	-	-	Н5	20/06/2024 (H5N6)
Croatia	-	-	-	-	Н5	08/10/2024 (H5N1)
Czech Republic	-	-	Н5	06/11/2024 (H5N1)	H5	06/11/2024 (H5N1)
Denmark	-	-	Н5	11/09/2024 (H5N1)	H5	26/09/2024 (H5N1)
Egypt	-	-	Endemic (H5)	Endemic (H5N1)	-	-
Faroe Islands	-	-	-	-	H5	01/11/2024 (H5N5)
Finland	-	-	-	-	H5	04/06/2024 (H5N1)
France	-	-	Н5	04/11/2024*	Н5	21/10/2024 (H5N1)
Gabon	-	-	H5	21/06/2024 (H5N1)	-	-

	Human cases		Poultry cases / other related samples		Wild bird cases / other related samples	
Countries / Areas	Subtype of virus	Date of last report / onset of last reported case (Subtype in this report)	Subtype of virus	Date of last report (Subtype in this report)	Subtype of virus	Date of last report (Subtype in this report)
Germany	_		H5	31/10/2024 (H5N1)	Н5	15/10/2024 (H5N5)
	-	_	Н7	03/07/2024 (H7N5)	115	07/11/2024 (H5N1)
Hungary	-	-	H5	08/11/2024 (H5N1)	Н5	04/11/2024 (H5N1)
Iceland	-	-	-	-	Н5	24/10/2024 (H5N5)
India	-	-	H5	13/09/2024 (H5N1)	-	-
Indonesia	-	-	Endemic (H5)	Endemic (H5N1)	=	-
Iraq	-	-	-	-	H5	29/05/2024 (H5N1)
Israel	-	-	H5	22/10/2024 (H5N1)	Н5	29/10/2024 (H5N1)
Italy	-	-	H5	06/11/2024 (H5N1)	H5	06/11/2024 (H5N1)
Japan	-	-	Н5	05/11/2024 (H5N1)	Н5	11/06/2024 (H5N5) 04/10/2024* 08/11/2024 (H5N1)
Korea	-	-	Н5	05/11/2024 (H5N1)	Н5	07/11/2024 (H5N1) 07/11/2024 (H5N3)
Mexico	-	-	H7	21/08/2024 (H7N3)	H5	28/08/2024 (H5N1)
Moldova	-	-	-	-	Н5	08/11/2024 (H5N1)
Nigeria	-	-	H5	11/09/2024 (H5N1)	-	-
North Macedonia	-	-	-	-	Н5	29/10/2024 (H5N1)
Norway	-	-	-	-	Н5	18/06/2024 (H5N1) 01/11/2024 (H5N5)
Peru	-	-	H5	08/07/2024*	Н5	09/10/2024*
Poland	-	-	H5	07/11/2024 (H5N1)	Н5	07/11/2024 (H5N1)
Portugal	-	-	-	-	Н5	28/10/2024 (H5N1)
Romania	-	-	H5	29/10/2024 (H5N1)	H5	29/10/2024 (H5N1)
Serbia	-	-	-	-	Н5	21/10/2024 (H5N1)
Slovakia	-	-	H5	29/10/2024 (H5N1)	H5	30/10/2024 (H5N1)
Slovenia	-	-	-	-	H5	08/11/2024 (H5N1)
South Africa	-	-	H5 H7	17/09/2024* 08/10/2024 (H7N6)	Н5	28/05/2024*
Spain	-	-	-	-	H5	29/10/2024 (H5N1)
Taiwan	-	-	Н5	18/09/2024 (H5N1)	-	-
Turkey	-	-	Н5	05/11/2024 (H5N1)	-	-
Ukraine	-	-	-	-	H5	24/09/2024*

	Human cases		Poultry cases / other related samples		Wild bird cases / other related samples	
Countries / Areas	Subtype of virus	Date of last report / onset of last reported case (Subtype in this report)	Subtype of virus	Date of last report (Subtype in this report)	Subtype of virus	Date of last report (Subtype in this report)
						07/11/2024 (H5N1)
United Kingdom	-	-	Н5	07/11/2024 (H5N5)	Н5	25/10/2024 (H5N1) 08/11/2024 (H5N5)
United States of America	Н5	04/11/2024 (H5N1) 11/11/2024*	Н5	07/11/2024 (H5N1)	Н5	07/11/2024 (H5N1)

Sources: WHO, WOAH, NHC and other official websites * without further subtype information