

Summary

1. There were no new confirmed human cases of H5N1 avian influenza reported by the World Health Organization (WHO) this week.
2. From 2005 to 2007, about 100 confirmed human cases of H5N1 avian influenza were reported to the WHO annually. In 2008, 2009 and 2010, 44, 73 and 48 cases were confirmed, respectively. In 2011 (as of October 1), 49 cases were confirmed.

This week's update

(as of Oct 1, 2011)		Confirmed human cases of H5N1 avian influenza (no. of deaths)	Reports in poultry / wild birds
		Source: WHO	Source: World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)
This week	Hong Kong	0 (0)	0
	Outside HK	0 (0)	0
	Affected countries	-	-
	Details	-	-
Cumulative since Nov. 2003	Hong Kong	1 (0)	79 dead birds confirmed H5N1 positive (Total in 2011: 8 ⁰)
	Outside HK	564 (331)	
	Affected countries	15 *	63 #

⁰ For further information, please visit the website of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department: http://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/quarantine/qua_vetlab/qua_vetlab_ndr/qua_vetlab_ndr.html

* The 15 affected countries included Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China (18 provinces/cities including Anhui, Beijing, Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Guizhou, Hong Kong, Hubei, Hunan, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, Liaoning, Shandong, Shanghai, Shanxi, Sichuan, Xinjiang, and Zhejiang), Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia, Iraq, Laos, Myanmar, Nigeria, Pakistan, Thailand, Turkey and Vietnam.

For details of the OIE reported cases in poultry/wild birds, please visit: http://web.oie.int/eng/info_ev/en_AI_factoids_2.htm

Table 1.

Confirmed human cases of H5N1 avian influenza reported to WHO since 2003 (by onset date)[§]

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Overall
Cases	4	46	98	115	88	44	73	48	49	565
Deaths	4	32	43	79	59	33	32	24	25	331
Case Fatality Rate	100%	69.6%	43.9%	68.7%	67.0%	75.0%	43.8%	50.0%	51.0%	58.6%

[§] Further breakdown by countries is available at the government website "Prevention of Avian Influenza" (<http://www.info.gov.hk/info/flu/eng/global.htm>)

Table 2.

Countries/areas with confirmed H5N1 avian influenza cases in the past 6 months

WHO Region	Date of last report	Countries	In the past 6 months, H5N1 avian influenza infections were confirmed in		
			Humans	Poultry	Wild birds
Western Pacific	2011-09-12	Cambodia	✓	✓	✓
	2011-09-05	Vietnam		✓	
	2011-05-31	South Korea		✓	
	2011-05-13	Japan			✓
	2011-04-20	Mongolia			✓
South-East Asia	2011-09-19	India		✓	
	2011-09-08	Bangladesh	✓	✓	
	2011-06-03	Indonesia^{&}	✓	✓	
Eastern Mediterranean	2011-08-09	Egypt^{&}	✓		
Europe	2011-04-11	Israel			✓
Africa	2011-09-22	South Africa[^]		✓	
The Americas	--	--			

[&] OIE has reported that H5N1 avian influenza is endemic in poultry in these countries.

[^] Avian influenza of H5N2 subtype was reported on commercial ostrich farms in South Africa.

Note: Check marks in bold “✓” indicate occurrence of the most recent case.

Table 3.

Confirmed human cases of H5N1 avian influenza reported to WHO since 2003

Country	Cumulative no. of cases (December 2003 to October 2011)	No. of recent cases (July to October 2011)
Azerbaijan	8	0
Bangladesh	3	0
Cambodia	18	2
China	40	0
Djibouti	1	0
Egypt	151	1
Indonesia	178	0
Iraq	3	0
Laos	2	0
Myanmar	1	0
Nigeria	1	0
Pakistan	3	0
Thailand	25	0
Turkey	12	0
Vietnam	119	0
Overall	565	3

Table 4.

Details of the recent confirmed human cases of H5N1 avian influenza reported to WHO (July to October 2011)

Date of report by WHO	Country	District	Province	Sex	Age	Outcome at the time of reporting
19/08/2011	Cambodia	Cheung Prey	Kampong Cham	F	6	Fatal
09/08/2011	Egypt	Demnhoor	Behira	F	6	Recovered
02/08/2011	Cambodia	Mongkul Borei	Banteay Meanchey	F	4	Fatal

Avian Influenza Report is a weekly report produced by the Respiratory Disease Office of the Centre for Health Protection when the alert response level under the Government's Preparedness Plan for Influenza Pandemic in Hong Kong has been activated. This report aims to highlight important international developments on avian influenza preparedness and control and to monitor global avian influenza activity in humans and birds.

^o **Sources:** World Health Organization; World Organization for Animal Health