

Avian Influenza Report



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Summary

1. Since the previous issue of Avian Influenza Report (AIR), there were three new human cases of avian influenza A(H7N9) in Guangdong Province reported by the Health and Family Planning Commission of Guangdong Province. Since March 2013 (as of February 20, 2016), there were a total of 727 human cases of avian influenza A(H7N9) reported globally. Since October 2015 (as of February 20, 2016), 50 cases have been recorded in Mainland China.
2. Since the previous issue of AIR, there were no new human cases of avian influenza A(H5N6). Since 2013 (as of February 20, 2016), nine human cases of avian influenza A(H5N6) were reported to World Health Organization (WHO) and all occurred in Mainland China.
3. There were no new human cases of avian influenza A(H5N1) reported by WHO. From 2011 to 2015, 32 to 145 confirmed human cases of avian influenza A(H5N1) were reported to WHO annually (according to onset date).*

* Since November 21, 2012, WHO only publishes information on human cases with avian influenza A(H5N1) infection in "[Influenza at human - animal interface: Monthly Risk Assessment Summary](#)". 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 [report](#) was published in January, 2016.

This week's highlights

(Sources: WHO, National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC), Mainland health authorities, Centre for Health Protection (CHP) and World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE))

Table 1. Hong Kong: Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A(H5) / avian influenza A(H7N9)

	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 cases of human infection with avian influenza A(H7N9)

	Place of occurrence	No. of cases (No. of deaths)	Province / Region / Municipality	City / District / Area	Age (years)	Sex	Condition at time of reporting	Date of report
New cases	Mainland China	3(0)	Guangdong	Chaozhou	60	F	-	18/2/2016
			Guangdong	Jiangmen	59	M	-	18/2/2016
			Guangdong	Zhaoqing	76	F	-	18/2/2016

Table 3. Cumulative numbers of confirmed cases of human infection with avian influenza A(H7N9) since 2013 and since October 2015 respectively

Confirmed H7N9 human cases have been reported in the following countries / areas		Cumulative no. of cases since 2013 (727 cases in total) (as of February 20, 2016)	Cumulative no. of cases since October 2015 (50 cases in total) (as of February 20, 2016)
Mainland China	Zhejiang Province	208	24
	Guangdong Province	191	10 [#]
	Jiangsu Province	85	7
	Fujian Province	66	3
	Shanghai Municipality	51	3
	Anhui Province	30	-
	Hunan Province	28	2
	Jiangxi Province	12	1
	Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region	10	-
	Shandong Province	7	-
	Beijing Municipality	6	-
	Henan Province	4	-
	Guangxi Province	3	-
	Jilin Province	2	-
	Guizhou Province	2	-
	Hebei Province	1	-
	Hubei Province	1	-
Canada		2*	-
Hong Kong		13*	-
Malaysia		1*	-
Taiwan		4*	-

Refer to Figure 1 for geographical distribution

* All cases imported from Mainland China

Table 4. Outside Hong Kong: Confirmed cases of human infection with avian influenza A(H5N6)

	Place of occurrence	No. of cases (No. of deaths)	Province / Region / Municipality	City / District / Area	Age (years)	Sex	Condition at time of reporting	Date of report
New cases	-	0(0)	-	-	-	-	-	-

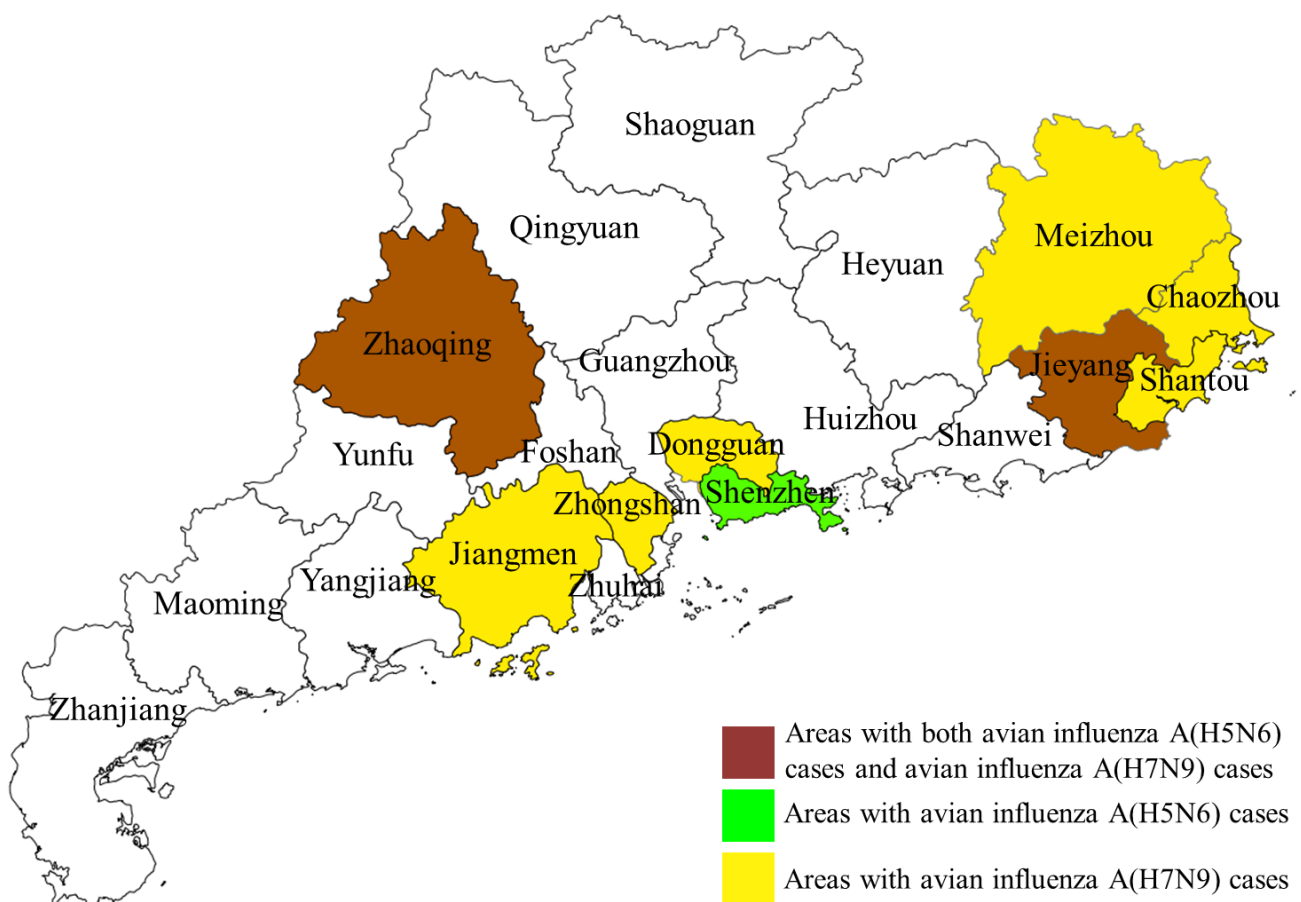
Table 5. Cumulative number of confirmed cases of human infection with avian influenza A(H5N6) reported to WHO since 2014 and since October 2015 respectively

Confirmed H5N6 human cases have been reported in the following countries / areas		Cumulative no. of cases since 2014 (9 cases in total) (as of February 20, 2016)	Cumulative no. of cases since October 2015 (5 cases in total) (as of February 20, 2016)
Mainland China	Guangdong	5	4 [#]
	Yunan	2	-
	Sichuan	1	-
	Jiangxi	1*	1*

[#] Refer to Figure 1 for geographical distribution

* imported case from Guangdong

Figure 1. Geographical distribution of human cases of avian influenza A(H5N6) and avian influenza A(H7N9) in Guangdong since October 2015 (latest case was reported on 18/2/2016)



Note: Included a H5N6 case who was living in Jieyang during the incubation period and confirmed in Jiangxi Province

Table 6. Outside Hong Kong: Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A(H5N1)

	Place of occurrence	No. of cases (No. of deaths)	Details
New Cases	-	0(0)	-

For the cumulative no. of human cases by place, please refer to [WHO/WPRO](#) website.

Table 7. Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A(H5N1) reported to WHO / NHFPC since 2003 (by onset date) [§]

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Overall
Cases	4	46	98	115	88	44	73	48	62	32	39	52	145	846
Deaths	4	32	43	79	59	33	32	24	34	20	25	22	42	449
Case Fatality Rate	100%	69.6%	43.9%	68.7%	67.0%	75.0%	43.8%	50.0%	54.8%	62.5%	64.1%	42.3%	29.0%	53.1%

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

Table 8. Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A(H5N1) reported to WHO / NHFPC since 2003 (by date of reporting)

Country	Cumulative no. of cases (December 2003 to February 2016)	No. of recent cases[^] (November 2015 to February 2016)
Azerbaijan	8	0
Bangladesh	8	1
Cambodia	56	0
Canada	1	0
Mainland China	53	1
Djibouti	1	0
Egypt	346	0
Indonesia	199	0
Iraq	3	0
Laos	2	0
Myanmar	1	0
Nigeria	1	0
Pakistan	3	0
Thailand	25	0
Turkey	12	0
Vietnam	127	0
Overall	846	2

[^] Details of recent cases (November 2015 to February 2016) are listed in *Table 9*.

Table 9. Details of the recent confirmed human cases of avian influenza A(H5N1) reported to WHO / NHFPC (November 2015 to February 2016) (Sources: WHO, NHFPC)

Date of report	Country	Province / Region	District / City	Sex	Age	Outcome at the time of reporting
14/1/2016	Mainland China	Sichuan	Chengdu	M	42	Critical
20/1/2016	Bangladesh	-	Mymensing	M	60	Recovered

Table 10. Outside Hong Kong: Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A infections other than avian influenza A(H5N1 / H5N6 / H7N9) reported in the past 6 months

	Place of occurrence	No. of cases (No. of deaths)	Details
In this reporting period	-	0(0)	-
Previously reported cases (in the past 6 months)	Mainland China	4(0)	Avian influenza A(H9N2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Anhui Province: A 4-year-old girl reported on December 14, 2015ⁱ ▫ Hunan Province: A two-year-old boy, a fifteen-year-old girl and a one-year-old girl reported on December 14, 2015ⁱⁱ
	Bangladesh	2(0)	Avian influenza A(H9N2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Bangladesh: A 3.5-year-old girl reported on September 4, 2015ⁱⁱⁱ ▫ Bangladesh: A 46-year-old man reported on January 20, 2016^{iv}

ⁱ The WHO reported one confirmed human case of avian influenza A(H9N2) in Anhui Province of Mainland China in the Monthly Risk Assessment Summary in December 2015.

ⁱⁱ The WHO reported three confirmed human cases of avian influenza A(H9N2) in Hunan Province of Mainland China in the Monthly Risk Assessment Summary in December 2015.

ⁱⁱⁱ The WHO reported one confirmed human case of avian influenza A(H9N2) in Bangladesh in the Monthly Risk Assessment Summary in September 2015.

^{iv} The WHO reported one confirmed human case of avian influenza A(H9N2) in Bangladesh in the Monthly Risk Assessment Summary in January 2016.

Table 11. Hong Kong: Confirmed reports of avian influenza A(H5) or avian influenza A(H7N9) in poultry / wild birds since 2014

	No. of reports of H5 in poultry / wild birds	No. of reports of H7N9 in poultry / wild birds	Details
In this reporting period	1	0	Avian influenza A(H5N6): A chicken carcass found in Lung Kwu Tan, Tuen Mun, was confirmed to be H5N6 positive after laboratory testing. Four highly decomposed chicken carcasses were collected at a beach near Tin Hau Temple, Lung Kwu Tan, Tuen Mun, on February 14. One of them tested positive for H5N6 while the other three were negative.
Previously reported cases since 2014	4*	2 [#]	-

* The Government confirmed that the carcass of a peregrine falcon found at a construction site in Hung Shui Kiu, Yuen Long on April 9, 2015 was tested positive for H5N6 virus.

The Government confirmed that the carcass of an oriental magpie robin found in Sai Kung on April 29, 2015 was tested positive for H5N6 virus.

The Government confirmed that the carcass of an oriental magpie robin found in Kwai Chung on November 17, 2015 was tested positive for H5N6 virus.

The Government confirmed that the carcass of an great egret found in Diamond Hill, Wong Tai Sin on December 31, 2015 was tested positive for H5N6 virus.

[#] The Government confirmed on January 27, 2014 that a number of samples from a batch of live chickens imported from a registered poultry farm in Shunde District of Foshan City in Guangdong were tested positive for H7N9 virus.

The Government found on December 30, 2014 a number of samples from a consignment of live chickens from a registered farm in Huicheng District of Huizhou in Guangdong tested positive for H7N9 virus.

Table 12. Outside Hong Kong: Confirmed avian influenza A(H5), A(H7N9) or other highly pathogenic avian influenza in poultry / wild birds reported in this week

Places of occurrence	No. of reports of H5N1	No. of reports of H5N2	No. of reports of H5N6	No. of reports of H5N8	Details
Vietnam, Nigeria, France, Taiwan	2	1	1	1	<p>Vietnam: Samples from poultry in Nghe An Province were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N6). (<i>OIE</i>, February 16, 2016)</p> <p>Nigeria: Samples from poultry in Katsina State and Plateau State were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1). (<i>OIE</i>, February 17, 2016)</p> <p>France: Samples from poultry in Lot Province were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1). (<i>OIE</i>, February 18, 2016)</p> <p>Taiwan: Samples from poultry in Changhua County, Tainan City, Yunlin County and Pingtung County were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N2). (<i>OIE</i>, February 22, 2016)</p> <p>Taiwan: Samples from poultry in Pingtung County were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N8). (<i>OIE</i>, February 22, 2016)</p>

For cumulative reports of avian influenza A(H5N1) or A(H7N9) in poultry / wild birds, please refer to the [OIE](#) website.

Table 13. Countries / areas with documented avian influenza A H5, H7N9 or other highly pathogenic avian influenza cases in the recent 6 months (including infections in humans/birds and relevant environmental samples) (as of February 22, 2016)

Country/ Area	Human cases		Poultry cases / environmental samples		Wild bird cases / others	
	Subtype of virus	Date of last report	Subtype of virus	Date of last report (Subtype in this report)	Subtype of virus	Date of last report (Subtype in this report)
Bangladesh	H5N1	20/01/2016	-	-	H5	15/02/2016 (H5N1)
Cambodia	-	-	H5	16/11/2015 (H5N1)	-	-
Cote D'Ivoire	-	-	H5	02/02/2016 (H5N1)	-	-
Egypt	-	-	Endemic	Endemic	-	-
France	-	-	H5	18/02/2016 (H5N1)	-	-
Ghana	-	-	H5	02/02/2016 (H5N1)	-	-
Hong Kong	-	-	-	-	H5	19/02/2016 (H5N6)
India	-	-	H5	19/01/2016 (H5N1)	-	-
Indonesia	-	-	Endemic	Endemic	-	-
Laos	-	-	H5	08/10/2015 (H5N6)	-	-
Macau	-	-	H7	03/02/2016 (H7)	-	-
Mainland China						
Fujian	H7N9	05/02/2016	-	-	-	-
Guangdong	H7N9	18/02/2016	H5	14/08/2015 (H5N6)	-	-
	H5N6	18/01/2016				
Guizhou	-	-	H5	22/01/2016 (H5N1)	-	-
Hunan	H7N9	03/02/2016	H5	18/01/2016 (H5N6)	-	-
Jiangsu	H7N9	05/02/2016	H5	14/08/2015 (H5N2)	-	-
Jiangxi	H7N9	05/01/2016	-	-	-	-
	H5N6	11/01/2016^				
Shanghai	H7N9	08/02/2016	-	-	-	-
Sichuan	H5N1	14/01/2016	-	-	-	-
Zhejiang	H7N9	05/02/2016	-	-	-	-
Nigeria	-	-	H5	17/02/2016 (H5N1)	-	-
Palestinian Autonomous Territories	-	-	-	-	H5	15/10/2015*
Republic of Korea	-	-	H5	04/12/2015 (H5N8)	-	-
Russia	-	-	-	-	H5	21/08/2015 (H5N1)
Taiwan	-	-	H5	22/02/2016 (H5N2) 22/02/2016 (H5N8)	-	-
United States	-	-	H7N8	15/01/2016 (H7N8)	-	-
Vietnam	-	-	H5	16/02/2016 (H5N6)	-	-

Sources: WHO, OIE, NHFPC and other official websites

^ imported case from Guangdong

*without further subtype information