

Avian Influenza Report



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Summary

1. Since the previous issue of Avian Influenza Report (AIR), there were two new human cases of avian influenza A(H7N9) reported by the Health and Family Planning Commission of Jiangxi Province. Since March 2013 (as of April 18, 2016), there were a total of 760 human cases of avian influenza A(H7N9) reported globally. Since October 2015 (as of April 18, 2016), 81 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 2014 (as of April 16, 2016), 10 human cases of avian influenza A(H5N6) were reported to World Health Organization (WHO) and all occurred in Mainland China.
3. There were four new human cases of avian influenza A(H5N1) from Egypt reported by the World Health Organization (WHO) on April 4, 2016. 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 April, 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	2(0)	Jiangxi	-	43	F	stable	18/4/2016
			Jiangxi	-	23	M	stable	18/4/2016

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 (760 cases in total) (as of April 18, 2016)	Cumulative no. of cases since October 2015 (83 cases in total) (as of April 18, 2016)
Mainland China	Zhejiang Province	215	31
	Guangdong Province	194	13 [#]
	Jiangsu Province	91	13
	Fujian Province	69	6
	Shanghai Municipality	52 ^{&}	4 ^{&}
	Hunan Province	34	8
	Anhui Province	31	1
	Jiangxi Province	14	3
	Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region	10	-
	Shandong Province	8	1
	Beijing Municipality	6	-
	Henan Province	4	-
	Guangxi Province	3	-
	Jilin Province	2	-
	Guizhou Province	2	-
	Hubei Province	2 [@]	1 [@]
Hebei Province	1	-	
Canada	2 [*]	-	
Hong Kong	15 [*]	2 [*]	
Malaysia	1 [*]	-	
Taiwan	4 [*]	-	

Refer to Figure 1 for geographical distribution

& Including one case imported from Anhui

@ Including one case imported from a neighboring province

* 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)	-	-	-	-	-	-

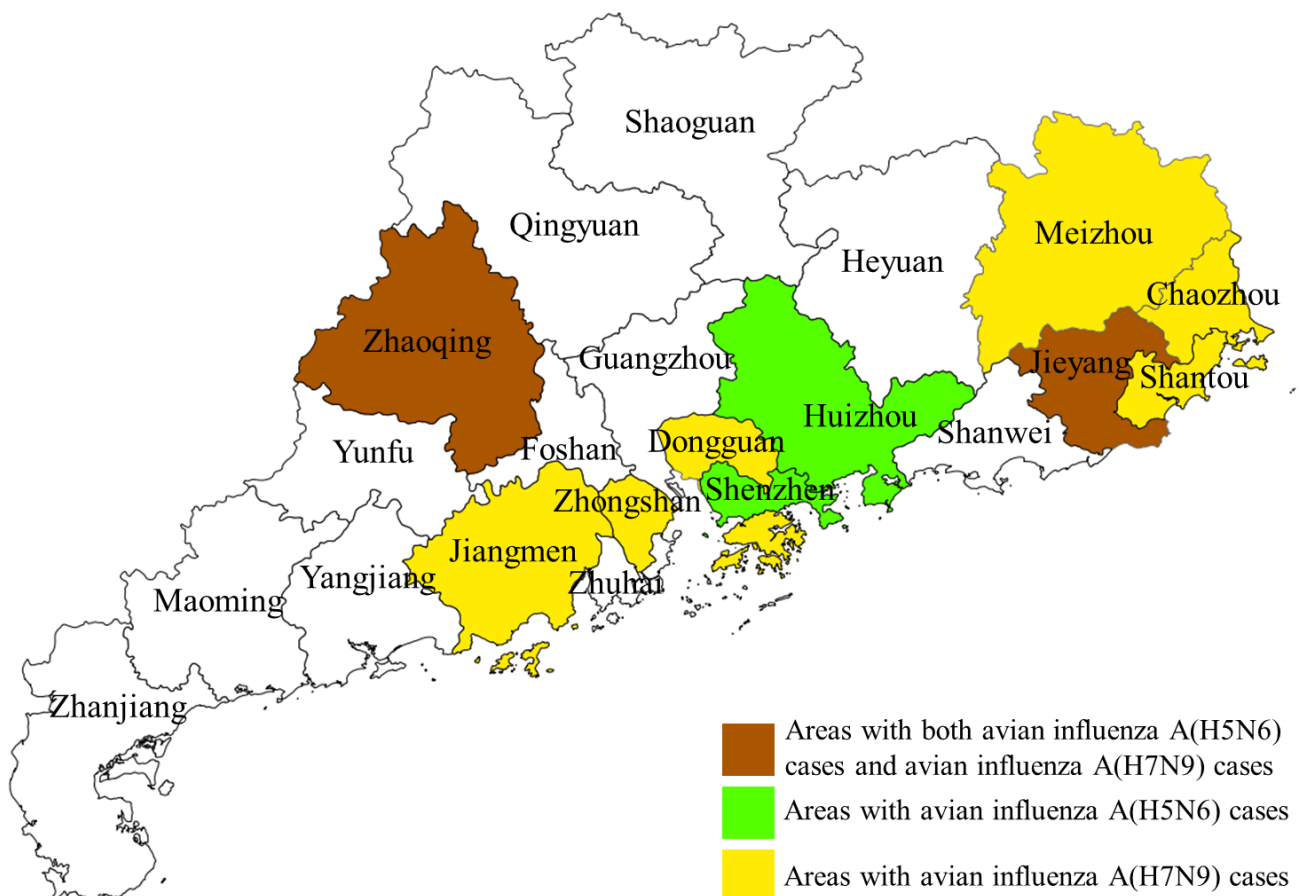
Table 5. Cumulative number of confirmed cases of human infection with avian influenza A(H5N6) reported to WHO since 2014 and since October 2015 respectively

Confirmed H5N6 human cases have been reported in the following countries / areas		Cumulative no. of cases since 2014 (10 cases in total) (as of April 16, 2016)	Cumulative no. of cases since October 2015 (6 cases in total) (as of April 16, 2016)
Mainland China	Guangdong	6	5 [#]
	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 19/3/2016)



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	Egypt	4(0)	Egypt: there were four new human cases of avian influenza A(H5N1) virus infection. Two cases were reported from Giza Governorate, and one each from Cairo Governorate and Sohag Governorate. The cases affected three girls who recovered and one woman who was in critical condition. Three cases had history of exposure to poultry while the investigation for the remaining case was on-going. (WHO, April 4, 2016)

For the cumulative no. of human cases by place, please refer to [WHO/WPRO](http://www.who.int/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	2016	Overall
Cases	4	46	98	115	88	44	73	48	62	32	39	52	145	4	850
Deaths	4	32	43	79	59	33	32	24	34	20	25	22	42	0	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%	0.0%	52.8%

§ Further breakdown by countries is available at [WHO](http://www.who.int) 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 April 2016)	No. of recent cases [^] (January 2016 to April 2016)
Azerbaijan	8	0
Bangladesh	8	1
Cambodia	56	0
Canada	1	0
Mainland China	53	1
Djibouti	1	0
Egypt	350	4
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	850	6

[^] Details of recent cases (January 2016 to April 2016) are listed in *Table 9*.

Table 9. Details of the recent confirmed human cases of avian influenza A(H5N1) reported to WHO / NHFPC (January 2016 to April 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
4/4/2016	Egypt	Sohag	-	F	1.5	Recovered
4/4/2016	Egypt	Cairo	-	F	7	Recovered
4/4/2016	Egypt	Giza	-	F	5	Recovered
4/4/2016	Egypt	Giza	-	F	70	Critical

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 ▫ Sichuan Province: A 57-year-old woman reported on February 25, 2016ⁱⁱⁱ
	Bangladesh	2(0)	Avian influenza A(H9N2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Bangladesh: A 3.5-year-old girl reported on September 4, 2015^{iv} ▫ Bangladesh: A 46-year-old man reported on January 20, 2016^v

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 cases of avian influenza A(H9N2) in Sichuan Province of Mainland China in the Monthly Risk Assessment Summary in February 2016.

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

^v 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	0	0	-
Previously reported cases since 2014	6*	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 that a chicken carcass found in Lung Kwu Tan, Tuen Mun on February 14, 2016 was tested positive for H5N6 virus.

The Government confirmed that a chicken carcass found in Tai O on February 18, 2016 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 H5	Details
Myanmar	1	Myanmar: Samples from poultry in Sagaing Region were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5). (OIE, April 16, 2016)

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 (H7N9) or highly pathogenic avian influenza (including H5 and other subtypes) cases in the recent 6 months (including infections in humans/birds and relevant environmental samples) (as of April 18, 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	15/03/2016 (H5N9)	-	-
Ghana	-	-	H5	02/02/2016 (H5N1)	-	-
Hong Kong	H7N9	18/03/2016 [#]	-	-	H5	23/02/2016 (H5N6)
India	-	-	H5	19/01/2016 (H5N1)	-	-
Indonesia	-	-	Endemic	Endemic	-	-
Laos	-	-	H5	08/10/2015 (H5N6)	-	-
Macau	-	-	H7	03/02/2016 (H7)	-	-
Mainland China						
Anhui	H7N9	30/03/2016	-	-	-	-
Fujian	H7N9	18/03/2016	-	-	-	-
Guangdong	H7N9	16/03/2016	H5	-	-	-
Guangdong	H5N6	15/03/2016				
Guizhou	-	-	H5	29/02/2016 (H5N6)	-	-
Hunan	H7N9	18/03/2016	H5	18/01/2016 (H5N6)	-	-
Jiangsu	H7N9	18/03/2016	H5	-	-	-
Jiangxi	H7N9	18/04/2016	H5	11/03/2016 (H5N6)	-	-
Jiangxi	H5N6	11/01/2016 [^]				
Shandong	H7N9	18/03/2016	-	-	-	-
Shanghai	H7N9	08/02/2016	-	-	-	-
Sichuan	H5N1	14/01/2016	-	-	-	-
Zhejiang	H7N9	18/03/2016	-	-	-	-
Mexico	-	-	H7N3	08/04/2016 (H7N3)	-	-
Myanmar	-	-	H5	16/04/2016 [*]	-	-
Nigeria	-	-	H5	03/04/2016 (H5N1)	-	-
Palestinian Autonomous Territories	-	-	-	-	H5	15/10/2015 [*]
Korea	-	-	H5	27/03/2016 (H5N8)	-	-
Taiwan	-	-	H5	11/04/2016 (H5N2) 11/04/2016 (H5N8)	-	-
United States	-	-	H7N8	15/01/2016 (H7N8)	-	-
Vietnam	-	-	H5	16/02/2016 (H5N6) 10/04/2016 (H5N1)	-	-

Sources: WHO, OIE, NHFPC and other official websites

[#] imported case from Guangdong

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^{*} without further subtype information