The Secretariat of Agriculture reports a case of avian influenza (AH5N1) in wild birds

The SENASICA urges all poultry producers to increase the biosafety measures in their farms and report any suspicious cases



The SENASICA confirmed in their laboratories the first case of highly pathogenic avian influenza (AH5N1 strain) that has caused sever outbreaks in Europe, the United States and Canada. The isolated case was detected in a gyrfalcon (Falco rusticolus) that was feeding off wild game birds in the Lerma River basin, in Estado de México.

The agency that reports to the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development informed that a report was received through the operation of the Dinesa (Animal Health National Emergency Device) that was implemented in June 2022 to protect the national poultry production, and that immediately the hawk was tested to confirm the cause of death.

The technicians of the Mexico-United States Commission for Prevention of Foot-and-Mouth Disease and other Animal Exotic Diseases (CPA) of the SENASICA are currently taking more samples in the region, to confirm the presence or absence of the virus in other wild birds.

The SENASICA emphasized that presently there are no more suspicious cases, however, the agency urged the commercial and backyard poultry production units to increase biosafety measures in their farm, comply with the provisions of the Dinesa, and immediately report any anomaly they detect in their animals.

To report the suspected presence of an animal pest or disease, the Senasica has made available to the population the 800 751 2100 phone number and the Avise application for iOS and Android systems.

Reports can be filed in any office of the Secretariat of Agriculture, the SENASICA, or the CPA Liaison, located in all the federated states of the country.

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