

Senasica detects circulation of HPAI H5N1 virus in a farm in Montemorelos, Nuevo León

This finding is part of the epidemiological monitoring actions carried out by the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development to protect Mexico's chicken and egg production



The National Service for Agro-alimentary Public Health, Safety and Quality (SENASICA) confirmed the circulation of the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza virus (HPAI) AH5N1 in a commercial layer farm in Montemorelos, Nuevo León, with a population of 60,000 birds.

This finding is a result from a timely notification of a producer from Nuevo León, according to epidemiological monitoring actions carried out by the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development, to protect Mexico's chicken and egg production, within the framework of the National Device of Emergency (Dinesa), set in motion last June.

Technicians from the Mexico-United States Commission for Prevention of Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Other Exotic Diseases in Animals (CPA) of Senasica immediately came to collect relevant samples and the presence of the virus was confirmed in the official laboratories; therefore, Senasica took the relevant anti-epidemic measures.

Technicians of the General Directorate of Animal Health (DGSA) enforced a quarantine and applied appropriate health measures, thus proceeding to depopulate, clean and disinfect the farm, as well as conducting a sanitary break and sentinelization.

This Agriculture agency emphasized that the presence of HPAI AH5N1 does not pose any risk for the consumption of chicken and eggs.

Likewise, Senasica reported that a new case was found in wild birds in Tijuana, Baja California, and in a family layer farm in the municipality of Juárez, Chiapas, with a population of 186 birds.

It was stated that migrations from Canada and the United States are causing HPAI AH5N1 outbreaks in wild birds in multiple regions of Mexico; consequently, commercial and family poultry producers were urged to strictly comply with biosafety measures and stop birds from accessing their poultry production units at all costs.

Likewise, personnel is required to take a shower before accessing the farm, change into their work clothes and repeat this procedure when exiting the Poultry Production Unit (UPA).

The entry of persons not related to this UPA must be avoided and its facilities must be closely monitored in order to prevent any spaces where wild birds may enter.

With a view to contributing to protect the production of chicken meat and eggs, Senasica called on producers, veterinarians and general public to immediately notify any suspicion that may be detected to the phone number 800 751 2100 and AVISE app on iOS and Android.

This can also be reported at any office of the Secretariat of Agriculture, Senasica or CPA Coordination, located in all states of Mexico.