

# Strategic vaccination to protect Mexican poultry production

Parent and breeder birds are expected to be protected first



Senasica regulates the movement of poultry products from Sonora and Nuevo León to reduce the spread of this virus

In the presence of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) AH5N1, Senasica called for the strategic vaccination of long-lived birds in areas of high zoosanitary risk, in order to protect Mexican poultry production and guaranteeing the supply of chicken meat and eggs.

This vaccination will be carried out in accordance with a strategic plan outlined by the technicians of the General Directorate of Animal Health (DGSA) of Senasica, in coordination with the National Union of Poultry Farmers (UNA). This plan sets out to first protect parent and breeder birds, by reason of them being the cornerstone of the commodity chain, on account of them being mothers of broilers and egg-laying chickens.

At this time there are vaccines being produced by three laboratories in Mexico that are sold abroad; however, due to the presence of HPAI AH5N1, these laboratories have been asked to include Mexico in its distribution for poultry production units (UPAs) that are authorized by Senasica to vaccinate their birds.

At the present time, technicians from this Agricultural Agency have confirmed the presence of highly pathogenic avian influenza AH5N1 in nine Mexican states, as well as in three backyard farms in Chiapas, Chihuahua, and State of Mexico. Similarly, cases have been reported in wild birds in wetlands in the State of Mexico and Jalisco; in a protected nature reserve in Texcoco and parks in Baja California, Aguascalientes, and Puebla.

Find more information at: [Senasica calls for strategic vaccination to protect poultry production from avian influenza AH5N1.](#)