

Strategic Vaccination against Avian Influenza AH5N1 begins

In the first stage, more than six million birds are expected to be inoculated



With the massive arrival of migratory waterfowl carrying the highly pathogenic avian influenza virus AH5N1 that has caused outbreaks in domestic birds in seven states of the country, the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development began the vaccination of birds in commercial production units, in areas of high animal health risk and on farms where there are parent and reproductive hens.

In the first phase of the vaccination strategy, SENASICA and the National Poultry Producers Association (UNA, in Spanish) plan to inoculate more than six million birds from production units in Jalisco, Sonora and Nuevo León.

The vaccination strategy is complementary to the control and eradication actions of the technicians from the Mexico-United States Commission for Prevention of Foot-and-Mouth Disease and other Exotic Diseases in Animals (CPA) of SENASICA in nine Mexican states, where the virus has been confirmed.

Vaccines that have begun to be applied comply with the standards described in the Terrestrial Manual of the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH, founded as OIE) and have been approved by SENASICA's Directorate-General for Animal Health, in coordination with UNA and the technical opinion of the Poultry Health Auxiliary Commission (CASA, in Spanish), which consists of technical personnel from the SENASICA and UNA.

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