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Report Highlights:

On January 14, 2020, Romania’s Institute for Diagnosis and Animal Health (IDAH) confirmed a case of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in a commercial layer farm located in northwestern Romania. The poultry industry and the Romanian Veterinary and Food Safety National Authority (ANSVSA) are taking measures to limit the spread of the virus.

General Information:

The IDAH in Bucharest confirmed a case of H5N8 HPAI on a commercial layer farm with 18,700 laying hens on January 14, 2020. The farm is located in northwestern Romania (see Map 1). This most recent case of HPAI in Romania follows similar HPAI outbreaks in Poland and Hungary. Although Romania also detected HPAI in 2017 in wild birds, this marks the first HPAI detection in a commercial poultry flock since 2006. Local poultry producers are strengthening their biosecurity measures to protect their operations and limit the spread of the virus.

Once the outbreak was confirmed, ANSVSA implemented mitigation measures to prevent the disease from spreading, including establishing a protection and surveillance zone around the outbreak site. Poultry and egg movement within the affected area are restricted. Currently the culling of the remaining live birds, carcass disposal, and disinfection are under way. An epidemiological investigation is ongoing, although the source of the virus is still unknown.

As of December 2018, Romania's total poultry inventory was 74 million birds, of which 48 percent were laying hens. Romania's poultry sector has grown steadily in recent years. 18 percent of Romanian poultry meat is exported, with the vast majority—about 80 percent—going to other EU markets.

Map 1: Romania: HPAI location



Source: Google Maps

Attachments:

No Attachments.