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Report Name: HPAI Detected in Commercial Flock in Denmark

Country: Denmark

Post: The Hague

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Report Highlights:

On November 16, 2020, the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration (DVFA) reported the first finding of the highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) virus on a commercial poultry farm. The DVFA states that the recent HPAI finding means exports of poultry and eggs to certain non-EU countries will be halted for at least three months.

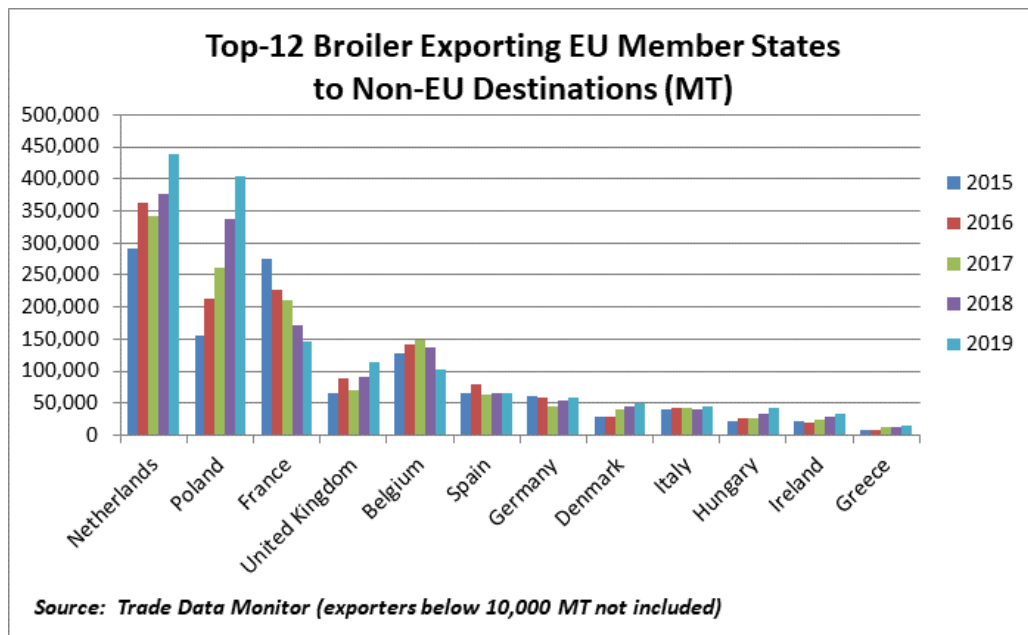
Background

On November 6, 2020, the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration (DVFA) [reported](#) (in Danish) the first finding of the highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) virus in a deceased peregrine falcon. As a consequence of this finding, the DVFA raised the threat level for avian influenza to its highest level. As of November 10, 2020, all owners of poultry were asked to secure their animals against contact with wild birds with roofing or fencing. For additional information, see [DA2020-0014: Highly Pathogen Avian Influenza Detected in Denmark](#).

On November 16, 2020, the DVFA [reported](#) (in Danish) a finding of HPAI virus of the type H5N8 in a commercial flock of layers. The farm, with 25,000 birds, is located in Tustrup, outside the city of Randers (East Jutland). All animals will be culled by the DVFA.

When the DVFA finds bird flu in a Danish herd, the outbreak is immediately notified to EU. As a result of individual import bans based on bilateral agreements and certificate requirements, exports of eggs, “poultry and poultry products to certain markets outside of the European Union (EU) will stop for at least three months.”¹ However, trade within the EU will continue.

The Danish poultry sector is the eight largest broiler meat exporter (to non-EU destinations) in the EU (see graph below). Its main export destinations are South Africa (22,915 MT in 2019), South Korea (8,632 MT), and Singapore (2,907 MT).



Attachments:

No Attachments.

¹ <https://www.foedevarestyrelsen.dk/Nyheder/Aktuelt/Sider/Pressemeddelelser%202020/Udbrud-af-fugleinfluenza-i-%C3%B8stjysk-h%C3%B8nsebes%C3%A6tning-.aspx>