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Report Highlights:

On November 10, Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries confirmed a detection of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in a commercial layer flock near Yokote City, Akita Prefecture. This was followed by detection of two more cases in Izumi City, Kagoshima Prefecture, on November 13th and 15th. In total, about 193,000 chickens will be culled. Japan's last detection of HPAI in commercial chicken flocks was in March 2021.

General Information:

On November 10, Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (MAFF) announced that highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) had been detected that day in a layer operation in Yokote City, Akita Prefecture. This marks the first detection of HPAI in Japan's commercial chicken population since March 2021.

On November 13th and 15th, MAFF announced that HPAI also had been detected in two other layer operations in Izumi City, Kagoshima Prefecture. In total about 193,000 layers will be culled before the operations are cleaned and disinfected.

In 2020, poultry farms in Kagoshima prefecture constituted seven percent of Japan's layer population and 19 percent of the broiler population. By contrast, Akita prefecture constituted just one percent of Japan's layer population and has only one commercial broiler operation. Japan's total chicken population is estimated at 321 million (140 million broilers, 181 million layers). About two-thirds of Japan's chicken supply is by domestic production; one-third is supplied by imports, primarily from Brazil and Thailand. For more details on Japan's poultry market, see the [FAS/Tokyo Poultry and Products Annual Report](#).

Attachments:

No Attachments.