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**Report Name:** Newcastle Disease Detected Among Laying Hens in Lekeberg

**Country:** Sweden

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**Report Highlights:**

In late October, Swedish authorities detected the presence of Newcastle disease among laying hens on a farm in Lekeberg, Örebro county. The 7,500 animals on the infected farm will be culled and the farm will be decontaminated. Prior to this detection, the most recent outbreak of Newcastle disease in Sweden was in 2018, in a flock of laying hens in Västra Götaland.

## General Information

In late October, Swedish authorities detected the presence of Newcastle disease<sup>1</sup> among laying hens on a farm in Lekeberg, Örebro county.<sup>2</sup> For additional information on the farm's location, see <https://jordbruksverket.se/images/18.5177964e17cc2fa9ec436eb2/1635436662114/Lekeberg-orebro.jpg>. There is now an access ban for the infected farm, and no animals or animal products are permitted to leave or enter. The 7,500 animals on the infected farm will be culled and the farm will be decontaminated.<sup>3</sup>

The [Swedish Board of Agriculture](#) has also initiated an infection control investigation to investigate where the infection may have come from and whether there is a risk that the infection may have spread further.

To reduce the spread of infection, Sweden has introduced a protection zone with a radius of 3 kilometers around the farm and a monitoring zone within a radius of 10 kilometers.

In the protection zone, the following restrictions apply:

- Poultry and other captive birds must be kept indoors.
- It is forbidden for unauthorized persons to enter animal stables with poultry and other birds.
- It is forbidden to transport live birds (including caged birds), hatching eggs and bird products.
- It is forbidden to arrange exhibitions and other gatherings with live birds.

The transport zone prohibits transport and exhibitions in the zone. Some poultry transports can be carried out, however, but only with the permission of the Swedish Board of Agriculture.

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## Attachments:

No Attachments.

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<sup>1</sup> Newcastle disease is a highly contagious and often severe disease found worldwide that affects birds including domestic poultry. For more information, see <https://www.oie.int/en/disease/newcastle-disease/>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://jordbruksverket.se/djur/djurskydd-smittskydd-djurhalsa-och-folkhalsa/aktuellt-lage-for-smittsamma-djursjukdomar/newcastlesjuka>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.svt.se/nyheter/lokalt/orebro/newcastlesjuka-konstaterad-hos-varphons-pa-gard>