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H5N1 Bird Flu: Current Situation Summary

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H5N1 Detections in USA

- Wild Birds: [Widespread](#)
- Poultry Flocks: [Sporadic outbreaks](#)
- Mammals: [Sporadic infections](#)
- People: 1 ‘case’ in U.S. after exposure to infected birds
- Person-to-person spread: None
- Current public health risk: Low

Spotlights

- Oct 05. 2023 [Technical Report: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza A\(H5N1\) Viruses](#)
- Sep 07. 2023 [Reports of Avian Influenza \(AI\) “Bird Flu” Outbreaks Increased Globally from 2013–2022](#)
- Jul 21. 2023 [H5N1 Bird Flu Found in Polish Domestic Cats](#)
- Jun 30. 2023 [Technical Report: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza A\(H5N1\) Viruses](#)

 Wild Birds	 Poultry	 Humans
Wild Birds Detected	Poultry Affected	Reported Human Cases in the U.S.
7,269 as of 10/11/2023 Full Report >	59,031,321 as of 10/11/2023 Full Report >	1 as of 04/28/2022 Full Report >
Jurisdictions with Bird Flu in Wild Birds	States with Poultry Outbreaks	States with Reported Case(s)
50	47	1

 This webpage will be updated on the second Wednesday of every month to reflect any new data.

Protective Actions for People

-  **Protective actions around wild birds**
Avoid direct contact with wild birds and observe them only from a distance, if possible. [Learn more.](#)
-  **What to do if you find a dead bird**
Avoid contact with wild or domestic birds that appear ill or have died and call to report sick or dead birds. [Learn more.](#)
-  **Preparing food**
It is safe to eat properly handled and cooked poultry in the United States. [Learn more.](#)
-  **Traveling to other countries**
CDC does not currently recommend any travel restrictions related to bird flu to countries affected by bird flu in poultry or people. [Learn more.](#)
-  **If you have contact with infected birds and become sick**
Learn what to do if you have contact with infected birds and become sick. [Learn more.](#)
-  **Clinician, laboratorian or public health worker**
Visit CDC’s avian influenza (bird flu) information for health professional and laboratorians webpage for the latest guidance. [Learn more](#)
-  **Get a seasonal flu vaccine**
Seasonal flu vaccination will not prevent infection with bird flu viruses, but can reduce the risk of getting sick with human and bird flu viruses at the same time. [Learn more.](#)

Related Links

- [Highlights in the History of Avian Influenza \(Bird Flu\) Timeline – 2020-2023](#)
- [Avian Influenza Communication Resources](#)
- [Avian Influenza: Information for Health Professionals and Laboratorians](#)
- [USDA: Detections of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza](#)
- [USDA: Defend the Flock Program](#)

USDA: Distribution of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in North America [↗](#)

Technical Report: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza A(H5N1) Viruses (cdc.gov)

Human Infection With Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza A(H5N1) Virus in Chile (cdc.gov)

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