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Update of the Avian Influenza Outbreaks in The Netherlands 2003

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Report Highlights: So far positively diagnosed farms are only found in the center of The Netherlands in a Control Area of about 1,000 square miles. One Control Area has been lifted.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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As of March 24, The Dutch Ministry of Agriculture maintains three Control Areas. One zone is located in Gelderland (Eastern-Central Netherlands), one in Zeeland (extreme Southwestern Netherlands), and one in Brabant (South Central Netherlands) as a result of an outbreak over the border in Belgium. The Control Area around Laren (in Gelderland) has been lifted.

The number of suspect farms and positively diagnosed farms increased from 67 to 130 during the past week. Of these farms, 97 farms have been positively diagnosed for Avian Influenza. All of these 97 farms are located in the Control Area in Gelderland. This Control Area totals about 1,000 square miles, is located between the cities Utrecht, Apeldoorn, Arnhem and Nijmegen and is regularly enlarged.

As of, March 20, 3.9 million birds on 253 farms had been culled. About 300,000 birds are culled per day. It is estimated that more than 5 million birds, on about 400 farms, will have to be culled.

The restrictions on the transport of hatching and table eggs has been relaxed.

| Permitted Transport of Poultry Products. | | | | |
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| | Control Areas | Outside Control Areas | Import | Export |
| Table Eggs | yes | yes | yes | yes |
| Hatching Eggs* | yes | yes | yes | yes |
| Live Poultry | no | no | no | no |
| Poultry Meat | no | yes | yes | yes |

* Transport to of hatching eggs only permitted under strict conditions. Hatching egg deliveries to farms in the Control Areas is prohibited.