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Report Highlights:

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On March 29, the SVA confirmed that a swan found dead on March 25 in Ceske Budejovice in Southern Bohemia had tested positive for Avian Influenza H5. The SVA is still waiting confirmation that the virus was the deadly N1 strain. However, since the EU reference laboratory in Weybridge, Great Britain confirmed that the first dead swan tested positive for H5N1, it is highly probable that the second and third cases of Avian Influenza H5 in dead swans will be H5N1 positive. Veterinary measures taken by the SVA early this week continue.

For more information about the avian influenza findings in the Czech Republic, see GAINS reports EZ6001 and EZ6002.