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Hungary Announces Suspected Case of Avian Influenza in Commercial Poultry

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Report Highlights:

On January 22, the Hungarian Veterinary Authorities reported suspected cases of Avian Influenza (AI) at a geese farm in southeastern Hungary. Samples have been sent to Weybridge, U.K. for confirmatory testing with the results expected in the week of January 29. The Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) has ordered that action, prevention, and surveillance zones (one, three and ten kilometer radius respectively) be set up, and the veterinary authorities have started destroying the poultry stock in the action zone. The preliminary laboratory results for the samples are expected in about one week. Hungary had an AI outbreak from June to August 2006 that resulted in HUF 20 bn (USD 95 million) in losses.

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On January 20-21, about 40 geese were found dead or indicated symptoms of Avian Influenza (AI) at a 3,300 geese farm at Lapisto of Csongrad County in southeastern Hungary. On January 22, samples from these birds were taken to the central laboratory of the Veterinary Diagnostic Directorate for preliminary testing with firm results expected in about a week. The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development has informed the responsible organizations of the European Union of the suspected cases. Action, prevention, and surveillance zones (one, three and ten kilometer radius respectively) have been set up. Veterinary authorities have started destroying the poultry stock in the action zone. The CVO suspects that migratory waterfowl, seen in large numbers at a creek close to the farm, carried and transmitted the disease. Beyond the affected farm, the poultry population of the action and prevention zones is low and there are no major villages in the immediate vicinity of the farm. Hungary experienced an AI outbreak between June-August 2006, resulting HUF 20 bn (USD 95 million) in losses (see HU6014 report on the last epidemic).