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Report Highlights:

The Polish Veterinary Service confirms a third avian influenza outbreak site. The third outbreak occurred in a backyard poultry flock in the same area as two previous outbreaks in turkey commercial flocks reported GAIN PL7056, dated Dec. 3, 2007.

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The Polish Veterinary Service (PVS) confirmed a third avian influenza outbreak site Dec. 5. The third AI outbreak occurred in a small backyard poultry flock in Mysliborzyce near Plock. The site is located within the protection zones already established for the previous two outbreak sites. The affected flock and backyard flocks from neighboring farms in the same village were culled. The PVS strongly protested press information about a fourth outbreak site located near Plock in a group of baby-chicks. The prosecutor's office in Plock is checking whether farmers from affected farms and local veterinary service followed proper reporting procedures when the outbreaks occurred.

Hong Kong and Ukraine banned imports of Polish live poultry and poultry meat after the outbreak was discovered on the turkey farms. Hong Kong is Poland's the largest export market for poultry meat in Asia. In 2006, Poland exported to Hong Kong poultry meat worth US\$ 10.5 million. In the first eight months of 2007, exports of poultry meat to Hong Kong amounted to US\$ 8 million. Ukraine is the largest importer of Polish baby-chicks. In 2006, Polish exports of baby-chicks to Ukraine amounted to US\$ 7.7 million and exports of poultry meat US\$ 0.6 million. In the first eight months of 2007, exports of baby-chicks to Ukraine amounted to US\$ 7.6 million and poultry meat US\$ 1.1 million.

Download GAIN PL7056, dated Dec. 3, 2007, reporting the first commercial AI outbreak in Poland at FAS' GAIN reporting homepage, when available to the public, at the hyperlink below <http://www.fas.usda.gov/scripts/AttacheRep/default.asp>