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Report Name: HPAI Confirmed in a Romanian Commercial Poultry Farm

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Report Highlights:

On March 18, 2022, Romania's Institute for Diagnosis and Animal Health (IDAH) confirmed an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) on a commercial laying hens farm located in southern Romania. The Romanian Veterinary and Food Safety National Authority (ANSVSA) took immediate actions to limit the spread. This is the first HPAI outbreak in a commercial farm after the one detected in May 2021.

General Information:

On March 18, 2022, IDAH confirmed an HPAI outbreak, sub-type H5N1, in a 33,900-bird commercial laying hen farm located in Branistea/Oinacu village, Giurgiu county (southern Romania). The source of infection is unknown. Following the outbreak, ANSVSA implemented HPAI mitigation and control measures to prevent the disease from spreading. Protection and surveillance zones were established around the outbreak sites. Movement restrictions on birds, personnel, vehicles, and feed have been imposed for a timeframe of 30 days. The full farm inventory will be culled, while the eggs and all materials which may pose a risk of virus transmission will be destroyed.

This marks the first outbreak in nearly one year, as the most recent HPAI outbreak was confirmed in May 2021, in a 180,000-bird commercial poultry farm. Since then there were three separate cases of positive HPAI wild birds in December-January in the eastern region (Galati and Tulcea counties) and an outbreak in a 65-bird backyard holding in the south-eastern region in mid-February.

The local veterinary authorities and the poultry industry have been all concerned about the HPAI, as outbreaks were confirmed in the neighboring countries (Bulgaria, Hungary) over the past few months. Local poultry producers are strengthening their biosecurity measures to limit the spread of the virus and protect their operations.

Attachments:

No Attachments.