



# Highly pathogenic avian influenza in Lithuania (Current situation)

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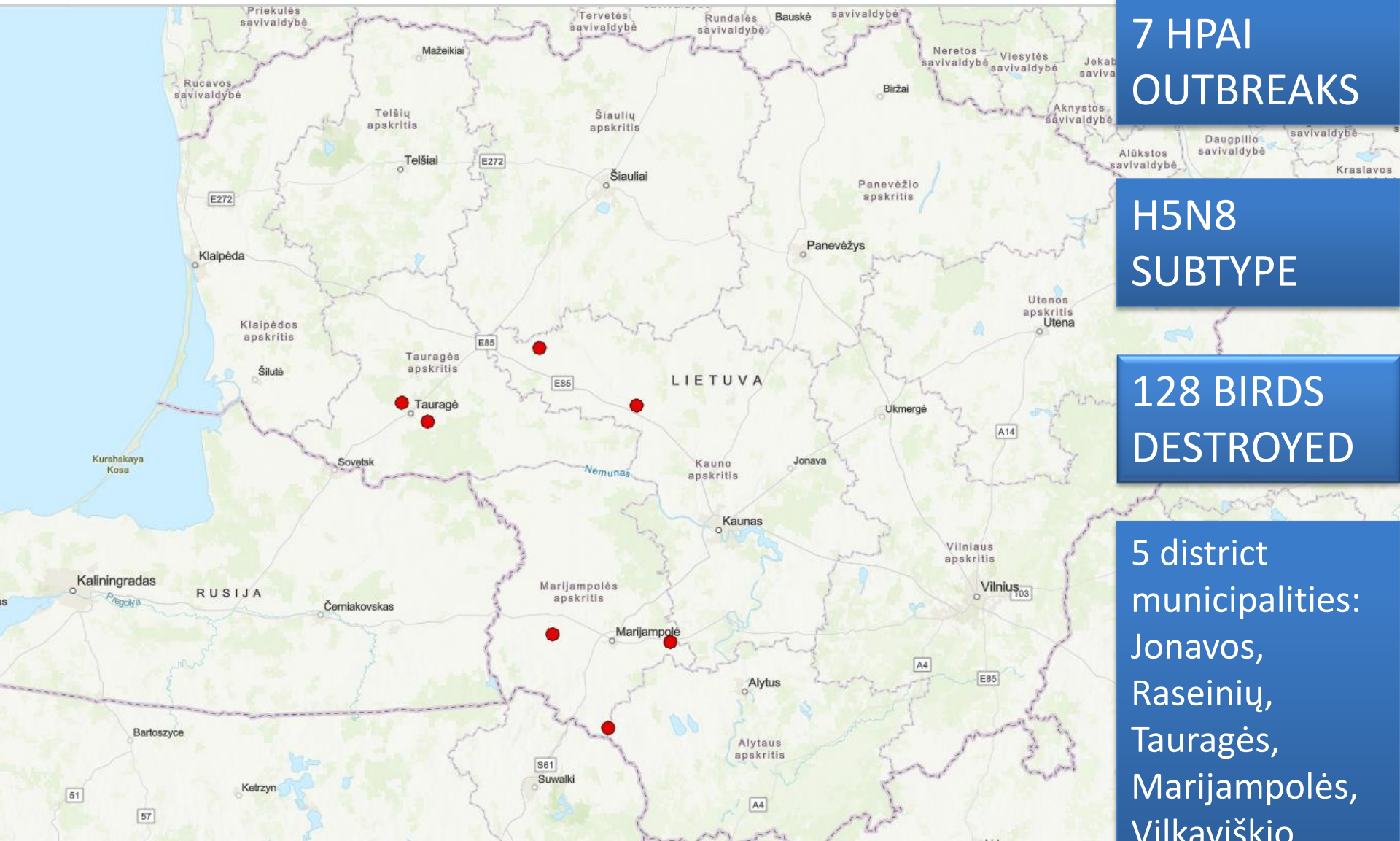
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# SITUATION IN BACK YARDS/HOBBY HOLDINGS (since May 19)



7 HPAI  
OUTBREAKS

H5N8  
SUBTYPE

128 BIRDS  
DESTROYED

5 district  
municipalities:  
Jonavos,  
Raseinių,  
Tauragės,  
Marijampolės,  
Vilkaviškio

# AVIAN INFLUENZA IN COMMERCIAL HOLDING (since May 19)



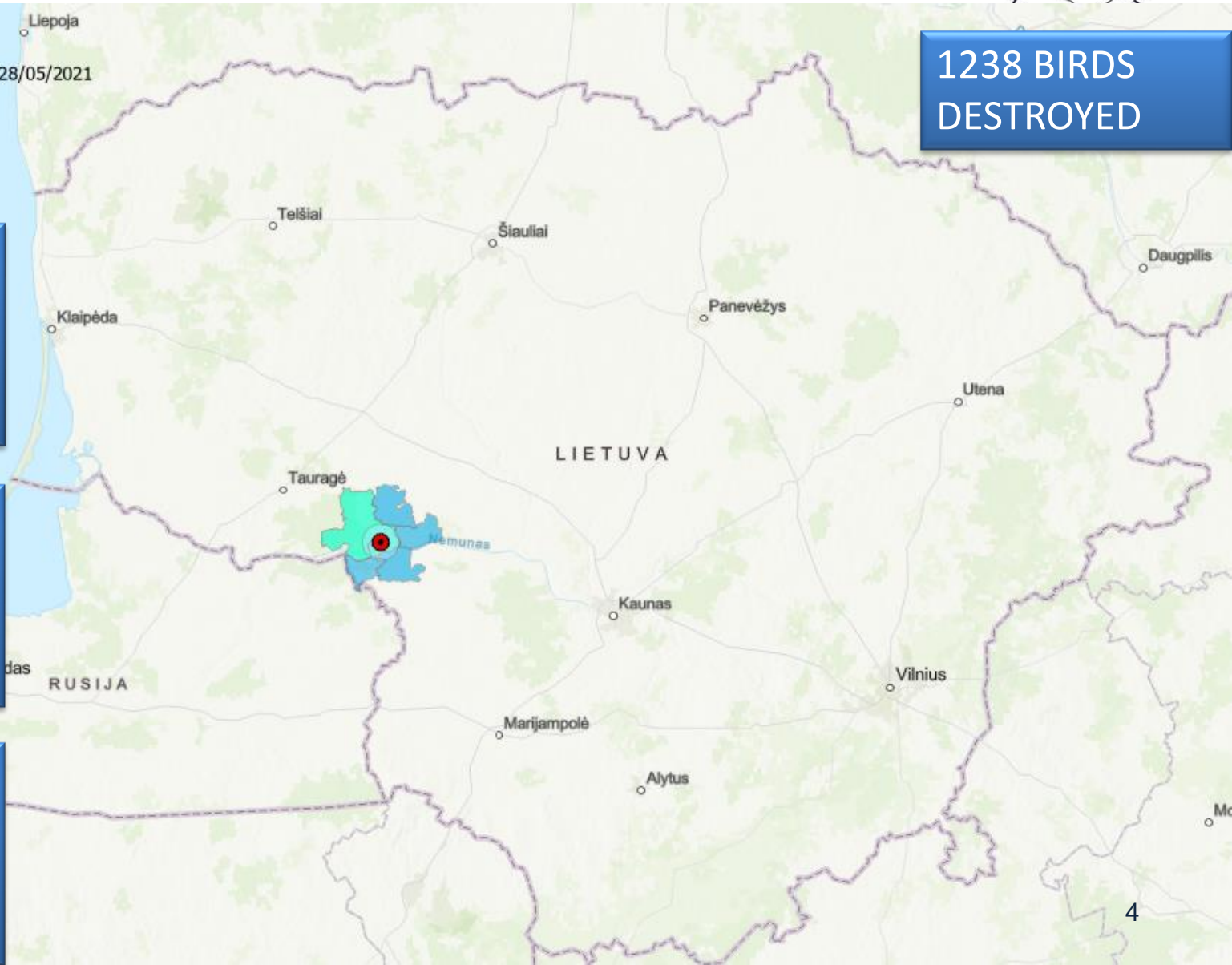
1238 BIRDS  
DESTROYED

- 2021/51\_Jurbarko r. sav. \_28/05/2021
- Jurbarkas\_3km
- Jurbarkas\_10km

Activity: poultry  
breeding and  
selling to the  
local market

Ducks, gees,  
turkey, laying  
hens, broilers,  
chickens.

No commercial  
birds holding in  
restriction  
zones



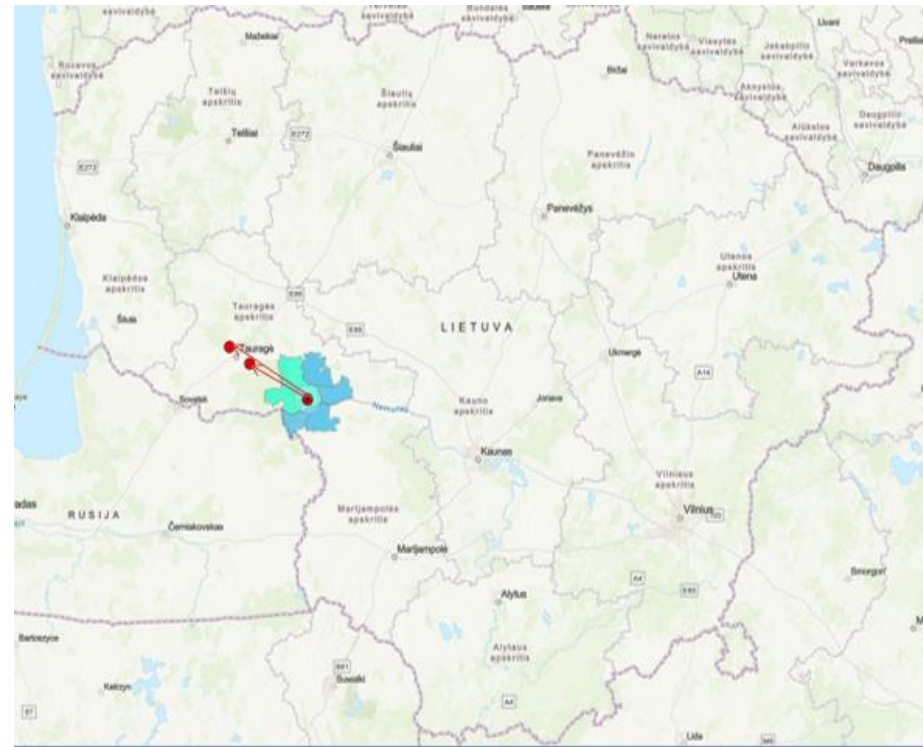
# Epidemiological investigation

- **On 20 May** a notification of sudden death of birds was received from hobby holding, which has recently purchased the birds. The HPAI outbreak N5H8 was confirmed. Based on the epidemiological investigation, the epidemiological link was to the bird trader, who has a commercial poultry farm. Samples from the commercial farm were taken in the framework of passive surveillance and temporary restrictions imposed on, all activities were suspended. **All samples tested were negative that time.**

- **On May 25,** another report was received about the sudden death of birds in a hobby holding. The birds were purchased from the same commercial farm a week ago.

- **On May 25** decision was made to take samples from alive and dead birds found that day in a commercial farm.

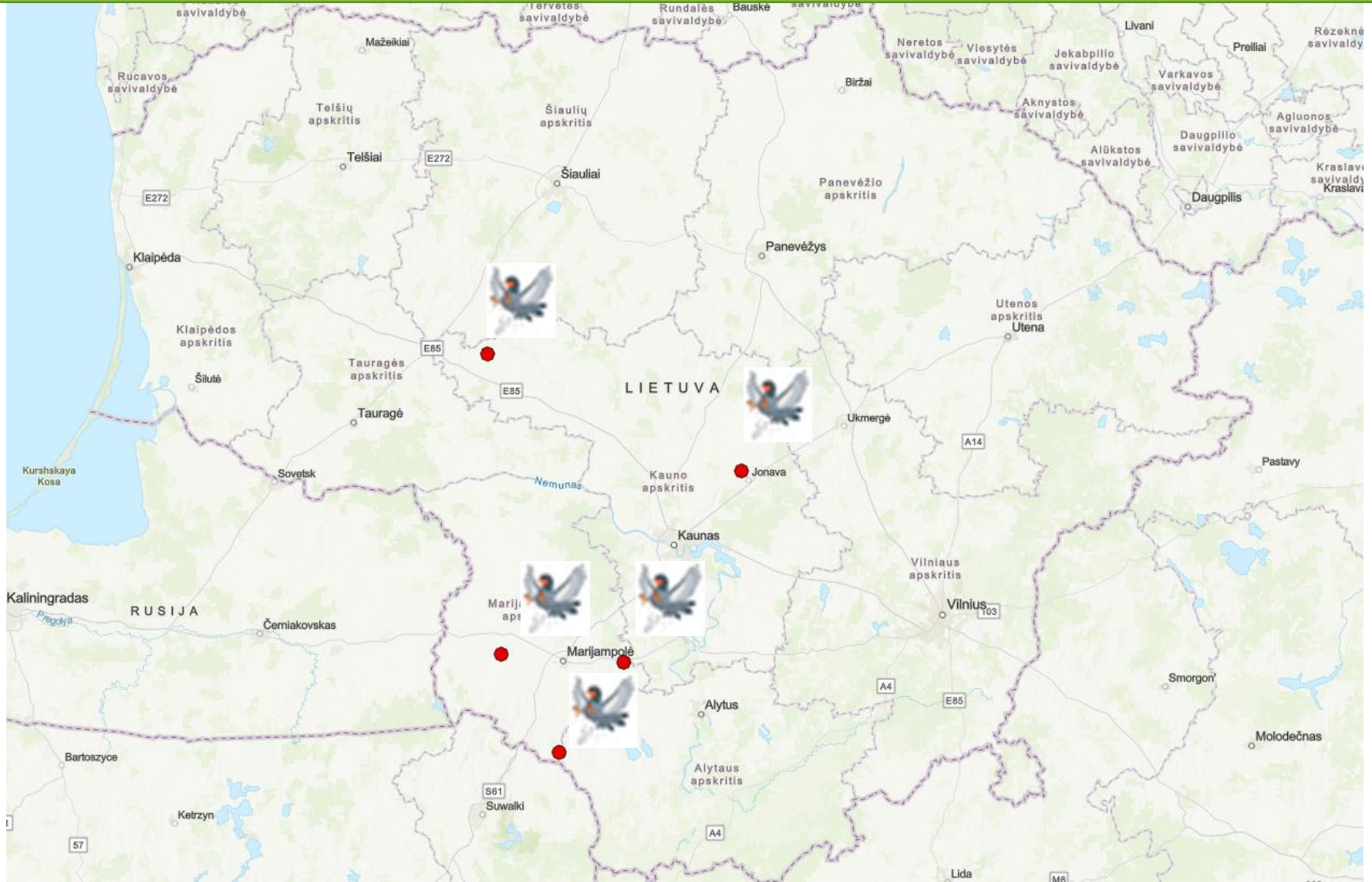
- **On May 27** the HPAI subtype **H5N8** was **confirmed** in all samples tested.



Associated with the trade of birds

# Epidemiological investigation


Based on the epidemiological investigation, **5 outbreaks in hobby holdings** were related with direct/indirect contact with wild birds (ponds in the yards or close to the water sources).



# ACTIONS TAKEN BY SFVS




All dead or killed birds were destroyed by burial on the territory of affected establishments.



After the confirmation of the HPAI subtype H5N8 outbreaks SFVS imposed the measures foreseen in the Article 12 of the Regulation (EU) 2020/687 and the preliminary cleansing and disinfection started according to the Article 15 of the Regulation (EU) 2020/687



Restriction zones established around HPAI outbreaks



The SFVS arranges the training activities for territorial Departments/Units – sharing of practical experience, problems and questions with the practical implementations of outbreak eradication, implementation of the new legislation (AHL and delegated and implementing acts).

# SUMMARY

- All measures are in place as regards the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 of 17 December 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and the Council, as regards rules for the prevention and control of certain listed disease.
- The strengthened control over the markets, poultry and bird traders is imposed in the entire country, including in border control posts.
- The SFVS has organized the training for the official veterinarians on HPAI control and eradication.
- No HPAI outbreaks have been detected since the 2 of June.



# Thank you for your attention!

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