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Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H7N7) in Italy

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Quick recap

H7N7 HPAI Outbreak in Emilia Romagna - 16/0001

- **29 April 2016** - Farmer reported increased daily mortality in an organic free-range laying hens
- **30 April 2016** - The National Reference Laboratory confirmed the positivity for Influenza A virus subtype H7
- **1 May 2016** – Beginning of depopulation and carcasses disposal
- **2 May 2016** – The National Reference Laboratory identifies the virus as **H7N7 HPAI**
- **2 May 2016** – End of depopulation and carcasses disposal (rendering)

Quick recap

H7N7 HPAI Outbreak in Emilia Romagna -16/0002

- Industrial fattening turkey holding in Ferrara province (Emilia Romagna region)
- 49.472 male turkeys (59 days old)
- Within the Protection Zone of the H7N7 HPAI outbreak detected on 30 April (16/0001)
- **13 May 2016** – Reported increased mortality in a single shed (n.12)
- **16 May 2016** – National Reference Laboratory confirmed the positivity for H7N7 HPAI
- **18 May 2016** – End of depopulation and carcass disposal in the confirmed holding

Update

- On **4 June 2016** the restriction zones of confirmed case **16/0001** were lifted.
- Regarding the confirmed case **16/0002**, the protection zone was lifted in **8 June 2016** and the surveillance zone on **17 June 2016**.
- On **22 June 2016**, a Ministerial Note has been issued in relation to emergency control and eradication measures to contain H7N7 AI virus spread in Italy. The note reports that from 26 June 2016 all the control measures enforced in laying hen and fattening turkey holdings has been lifted.

Thank you for your attention!