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HPAI in the Netherlands

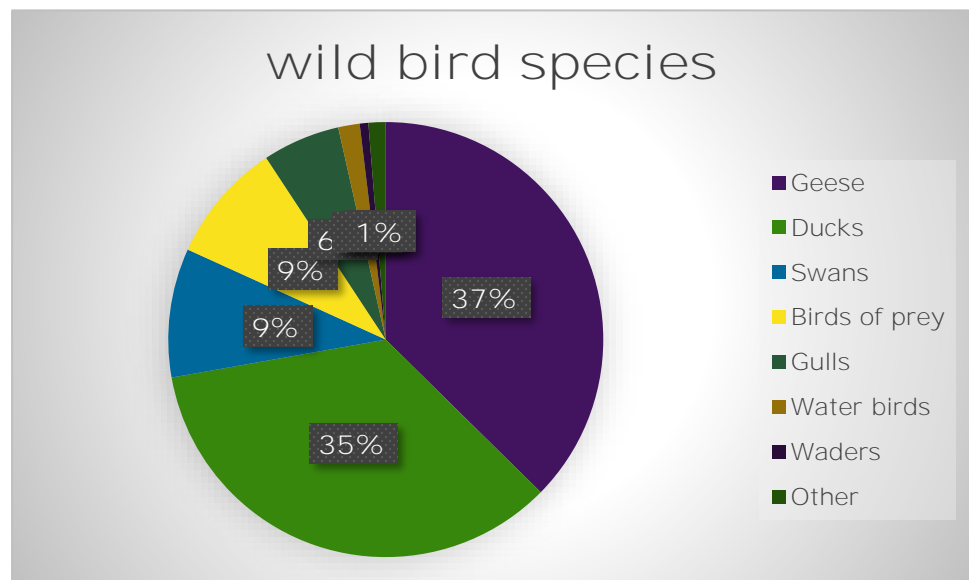
22-23 January 2026





HPAI (H5N1) in the wild

- 244 finding spots with HPAI positive wild birds since 1 October 2025
- 2 positive cats
- 2 positive foxes
- 1 positive seal





Timeline HPAI outbreaks

21 Dec Ysselsteyn

Turkey farm with 24.000 animals distributed across 5 stables. Clinical signs, an increase of dead animals, was found in two stables. There are 5 more poultry farms within a 1 km radius and 7 in a 3 km radius and 57 in the 10 km radius

Measures according 2016/429 and 2020/687

24 Dec Veulen

Laying hen farm with 33.000 animals across 2 stables. Sudden death (17 animals) in one department. This farm is in the vicinity of the turkey farm. That is why **research** is being conducted **on carcasses in storage** on the 23rd of dec. results was negative

Measures according 2016/429 and 2020/687

25 Dec Ysselsteyn

Due to the research of the carcass storage this Turkey farm with 25.000 animals was found positive on HPAI. The turkeys are kept across 4 stables.

Measures according 2016/429 and 2020/687





Timeline HPAI outbreaks

27 Dec Deurne

Broiler farm with 162.500 chickens distributed across 7 stables. In one stable in increase in the amount of death and sick animals. There are 3 more poultry farms within a 1 km radius and 7 in a 3 km radius and 49 in the 10 km radius

Measures according 2016/429 and 2020/687

29 Dec Ysselsteyn

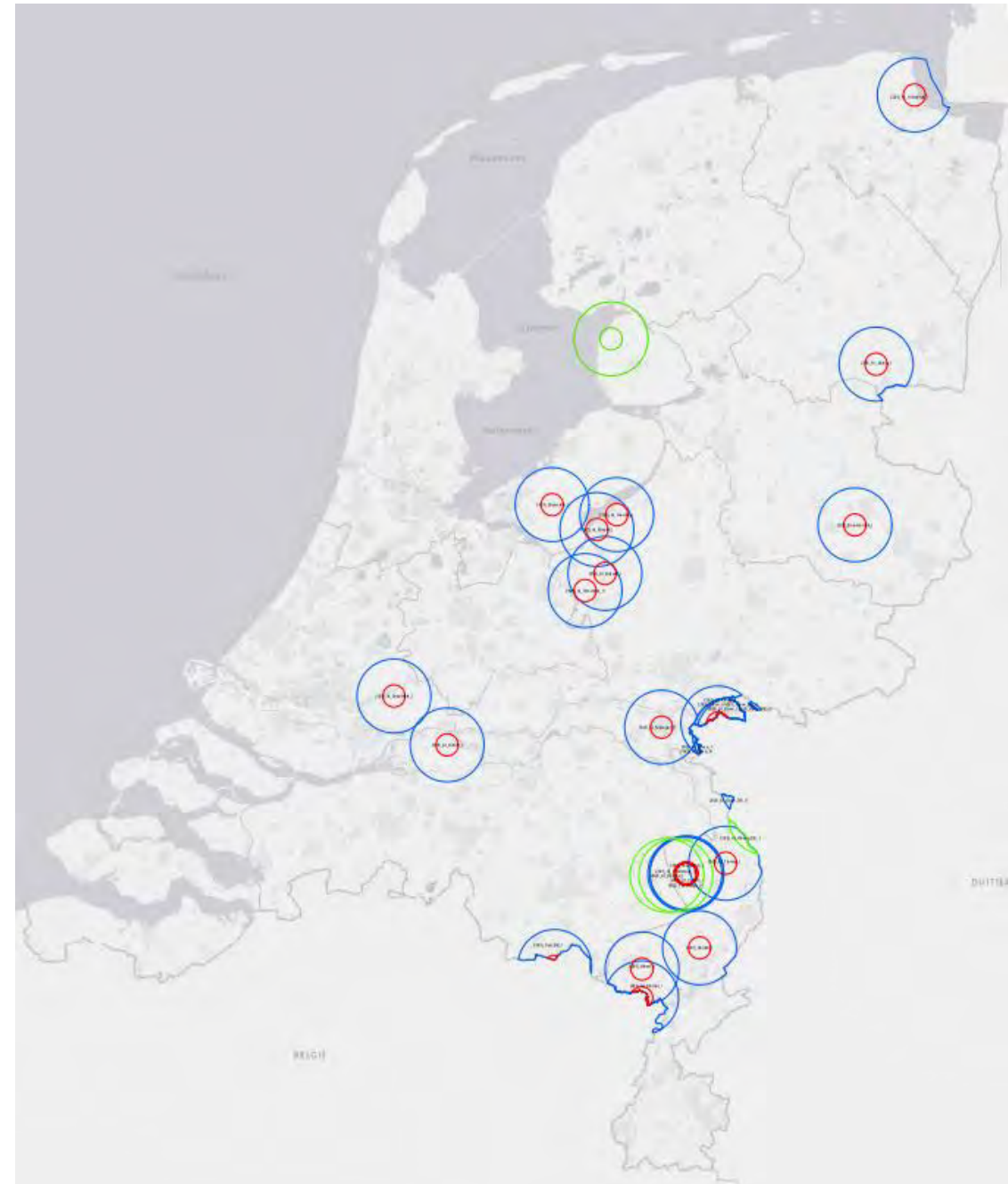
Broiler farm with 153.000 animals across 5 stables. An increase in the amount of death animals in one stable.

Measures according 2016/429 and 2020/687

11 Jan Creil

Layin hen farm with 44.000 chickens distributed across 2 stables. In one stable in increase in the amount of death animals (250). There are no poultry farms within a 1 km radius and 2 in a 3 km radius and 10 in the 10 km radius

Measures according 2016/429 and 2020/687





Results of the sequencing

- > All viruses found in birds belong to H5N1 genotype DI.2.1. With the exception of the virus found in Uitwijk. This virus appears to be a new reassortant and contains an NP segment originating from an LPAIV. With this (or a very similar) NP segment recently (Nov 2025) circulating in wild ducks (mallards) in Sweden.
- > We also sequenced viruses from a domestic cat, two foxes and a seal. These all cluster with the viruses from wild birds and also belong to H5N1 DI.2.1. The viruses from the cat, seal, and fox from Arnhem contain the PB2 E627K mutation. Furthermore, we found a zoonotic mutation (PA:T97I) in the fox from Apeldoorn, which we have not found in mammals before (but have found in some wild birds).



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HPAI vaccination of confined establishments in the Netherlands

Plan 2026
Report vaccination activities 2025

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HPAI-vaccination confined establishments

- 13 confined establishments associated in the NVD, Dutch Zoo association
- **Vaccination against HPAI in NL is not allowed, unless ...**
- Since 2024, zoos can request derogation for vaccination
- Surveillance carried out according (EU) 2023/361



Surveillance results 2025

- In total 841 birds vaccinated with Nobilis H5N2 vaccine MSD, in 3 zoos
- In total 31 samples (birds) were tested for the presence of HPAI H5N1 virus
- No virus detected so far (December 2025)





HPAI-vaccination plan 2026

- Three zoos requested permission for vaccination
- These are the same zoos as 2025; request is granted
- The plan will be comparable with the plans of 2024 and 2025
- Surveillance carried out according (EU) 2023/361: tested by WBVR, or AHS





Thank you for your
attention!

Questions?