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# HPAI epidemiological situation in Bulgaria /update/

*PAFF AH&AW committee 19.03.2024*



# 2024 HPAI (H5) in Bulgaria

*Since 01/01/2024*

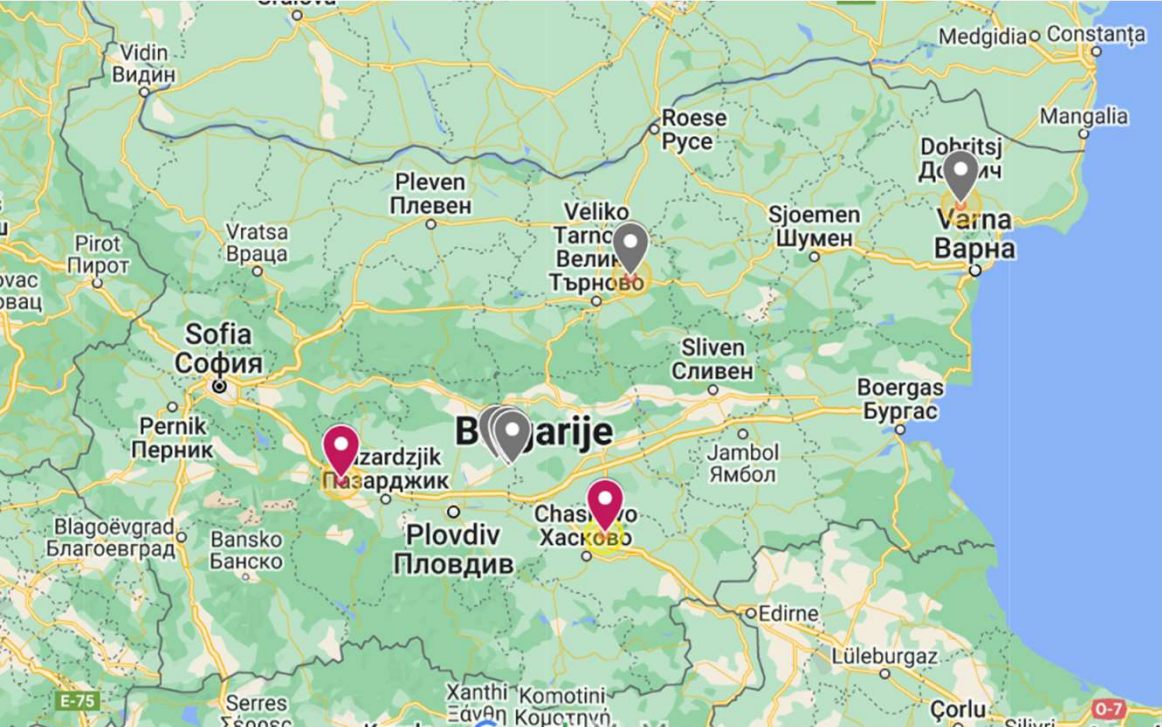
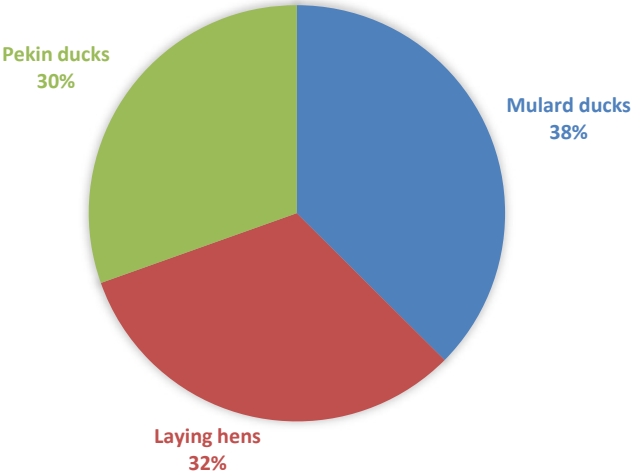
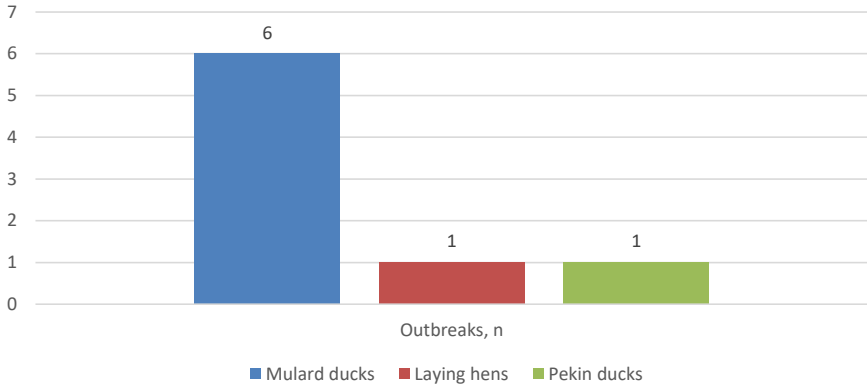


Table – HPAI outbreak confirmed since 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan 2024 in Bulgaria and restriction zones in place as at 18.03.2024

## HPAI H5 outbreaks per poultry category

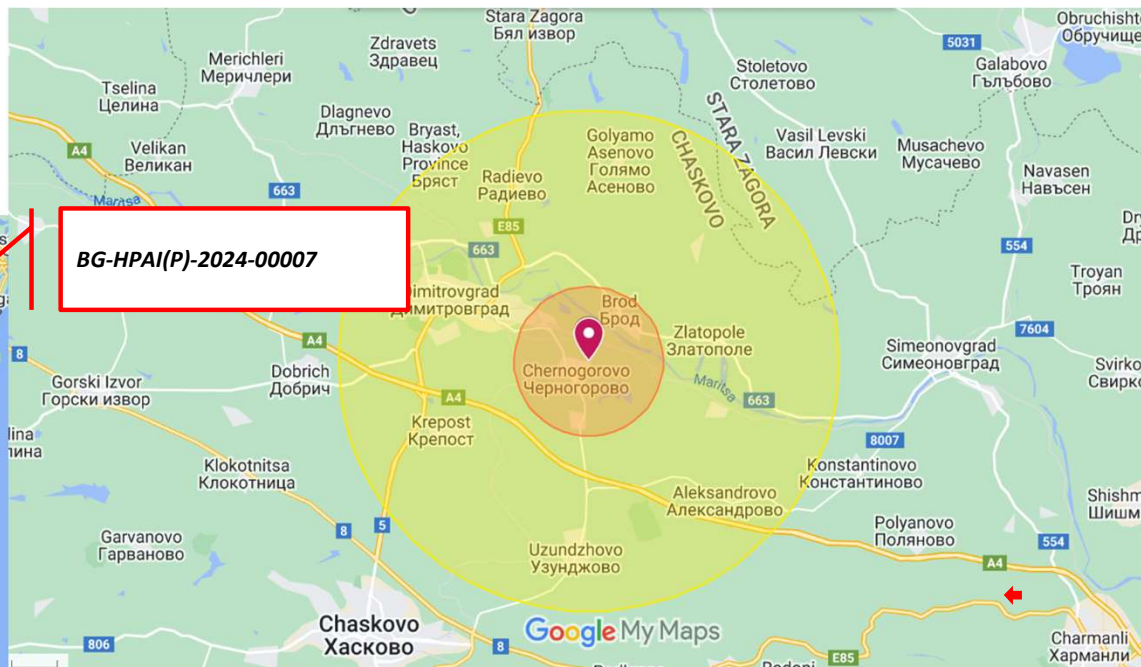
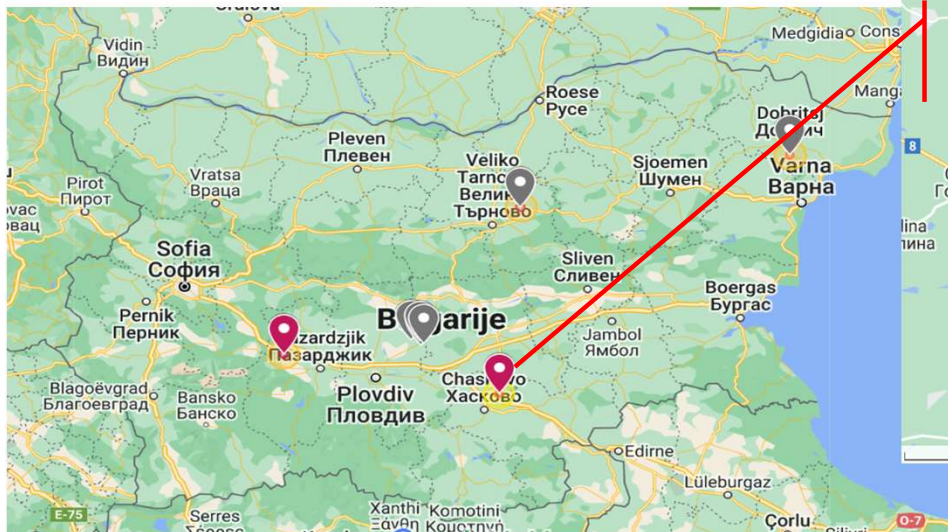


## HPAI H5 outbreaks per poultry farms



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BG-HPAI(P)-2024-00007

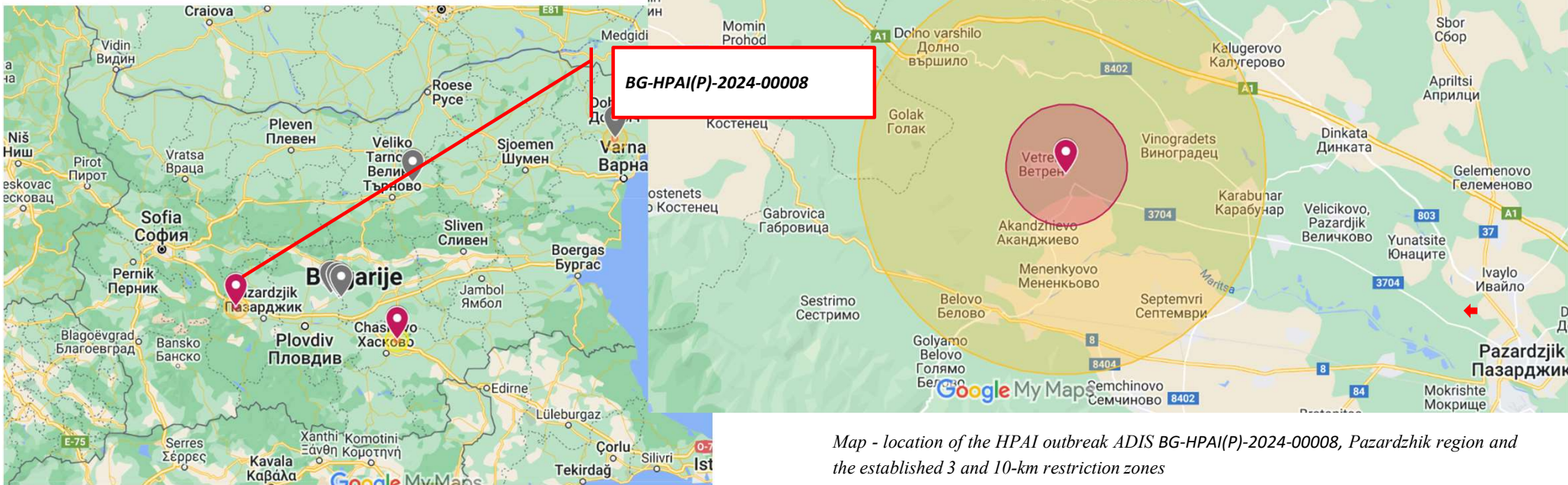


Map - location of the HPAI outbreak ADIS BG-HPAI(P)-2024-00007, Haskovo region and the established 3 and 10-km restriction zones

Region	ADIS ref N	HPAI	Date of suspicion	Date of confirmation	Poultry category	Affected poultry, n	Date of culling of poultry	Date of preliminary C&D	Additional comments
Haskovo	BG-HPAI(P)-2024-00007	H5N1	20.02.2024	21.02.2024	Laying hens	39908	27.02.2024	01.03.2024	Confirmed within the passive surveillance. Surveillance in the RZ (clinical inspection and sampling) - completed, negative for HPAI Vi

## 2024 HPAI (H5) in Bulgaria

BG-HPAI(P)-2024-00008



Map - location of the HPAI outbreak ADIS BG-HPAI(P)-2024-00008, Pazardzhik region and the established 3 and 10-km restriction zones

Region	ADIS ref N	HPAI	Date of suspicion	Date of confirmation	Poultry category	Affected poultry, n	Date of culling of poultry	Date of preliminary C&D	Additional comments
Pazardzhik	BG-HPAI(P)-2024-00008	H5	11.03.2024	12.03.2024	Mulard duck	15322	16.03.2024	18.03.2024	Confirmed within the AI control programme. Surveillance in RZ going on

## 2024 HPAI (H5) in Bulgaria

### Control measures in place:

- Measures in accordance with CDR (EU) 2020/687 applied;
- No movement from restriction zones for EU trade;
- Intensified official control in the commercial farms;
- Biosecurity measures in poultry holdings in place;
- Intensified laboratory control - pre-movement testing ;
- Epidemiological investigations;
- Surveillance in wild birds;
- Ban for outdoor keeping of poultry, live poultry market, exhibitions and competitions in the whole country;
- Awareness campaigns focused on farmers and veterinarians;
- Multi-institutional plan for control and prevention of HPAI.

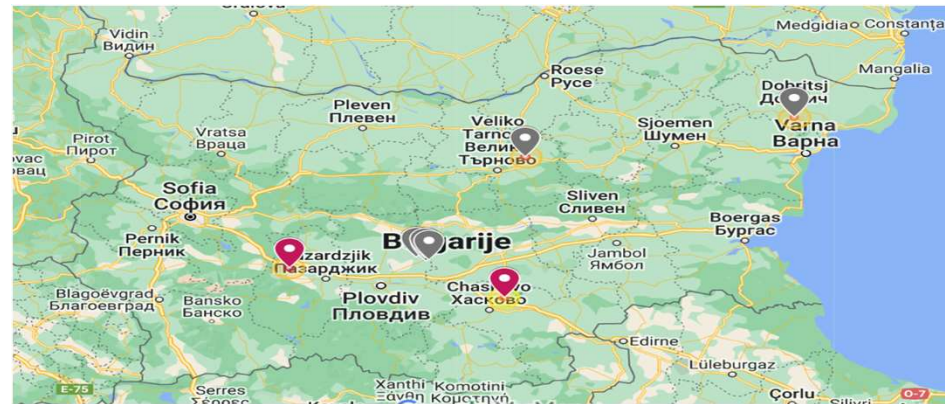


Table – HPAI outbreak confirmed since 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan 2024 in Bulgaria and restriction zones in place as at 18.03.2024

Region	ADIS ref N	HPAI	Date of confirmation	Poultry category	Affected poultry, n	Date of culling of poultry	Date of preliminary C&D	Additional comments
Plovdiv	BG-HPAI(P)-2024-00001	H5N1	11.01.2024	Mulard duck	4850	17.01.2024	21.01.2024	-Lifted restriction zones since 10.03.2024
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Plovdiv	BG-HPAI(P)-2024-00003	H5N1	24.01.2024	Mulard duck	8678	27.01.2024	08.02.2024	Lifted restriction zones since 17.03.2024
Plovdiv	BG-HPAI(P)-2024-00004	H5N1	06.02.2024	Mulard duck	7084	08.02.2024	20.02.2024	Lifted restriction zones since 17.03.2024
Veliko Turnovo	BG-HPAI(P)-2024-00005	H5N1	14.02.2024	Pekin duck	37 850	16.02.2024	On going	Completed surveillance activities in the zones, negative for HPAIvI Restriction zones in place till 30.03.2024
Dobrich	BG-HPAI(P)-2024-00006	H5N1	20.02.2024	Mulard duck	9510	25.02.2024	27.02.2024	completed surveillance activities in the zones, negative for HPAIvI Restriction zones in place till 31.03.2024
Haskovo	BG-HPAI(P)-2024-00007	H5N1	21.02.2024	Laying hens	39908	27.02.2024	01.03.2024	completed surveillance activities in the zones negative for HPAIvI Restriction zones in place till 03.04.2024
Pazardzhik	BG-HPAI(P)-2024-00008	H5	12.03.2024	Mulard duck	15322	16.03.2024	18.03.2024	Surveillance in RZ on going



# Thank you for the attention!

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