Ministry of Agriculture

Epidemiological situation and the measures regarding highly pathogenic avian influenza in Hungary



Meeting of the Standing Committee of Plants, Animals Food and Feed 18-19.11.2024.

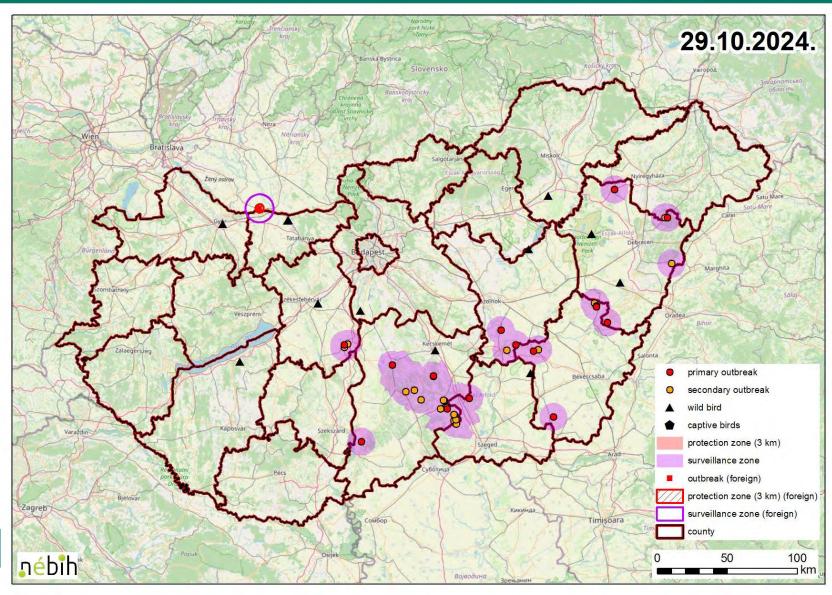




29 October

Number of outbreaks: 40 – 14 primary – 26 secondary

Affected animals: 633 697 (incuding preventive killings)



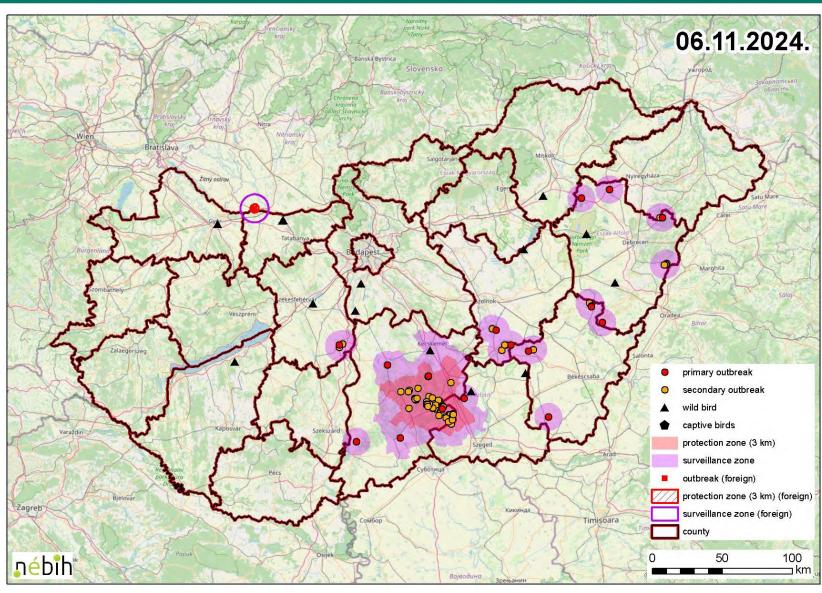




6 November

Number of outbreaks: 91 – 16 primary – 75 secondary

Affected animals: 1 381 942 (incuding preventive killings)



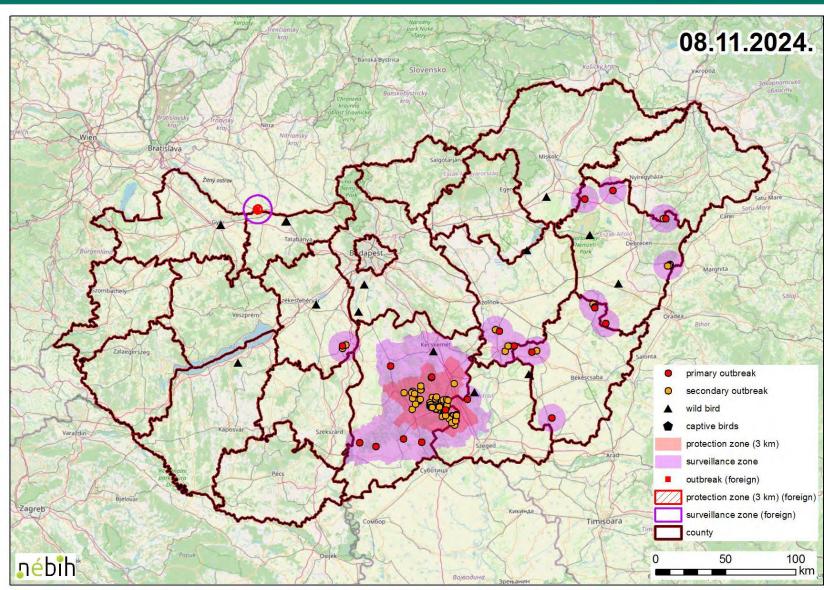




8 November

Number of outbreaks: 111 – 16 primary – 95 secondary

Affected animals: 1 810 095 (incuding preventive killings)



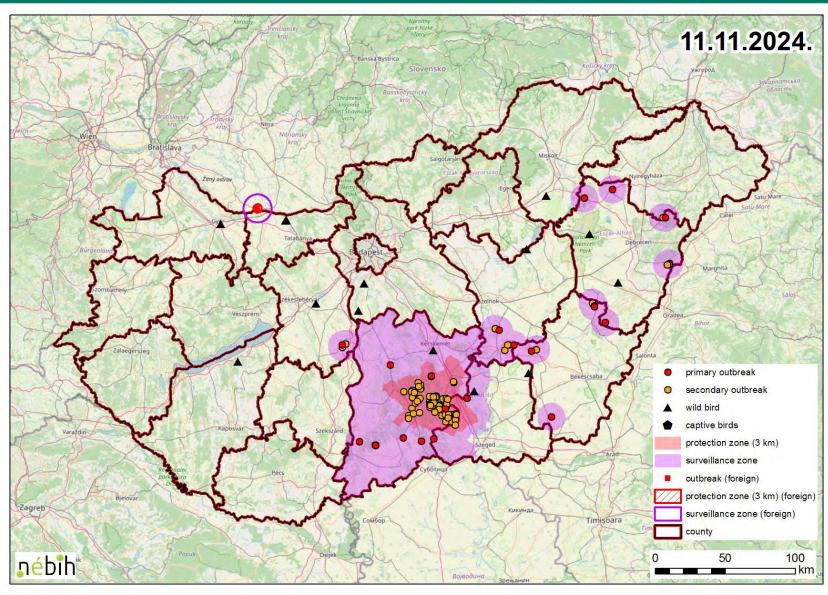




11 November

Number of outbreaks: 135 – 19 primary – 116 secondary

Affected animals: 2 127 252 (incuding preventive killings)



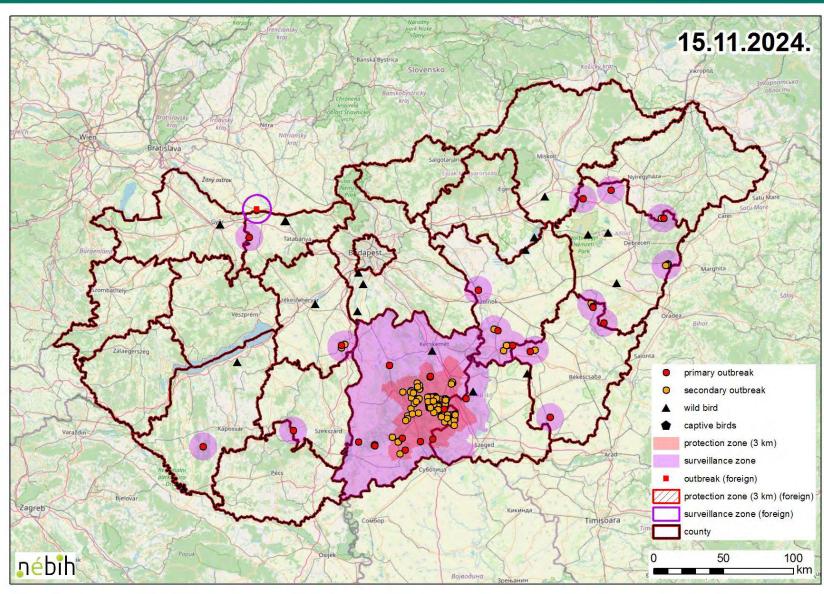




15 November

Number of outbreaks: 159 – 24 primary – 135 secondary

Affected animals: 2 357 725 (incuding preventive killings)

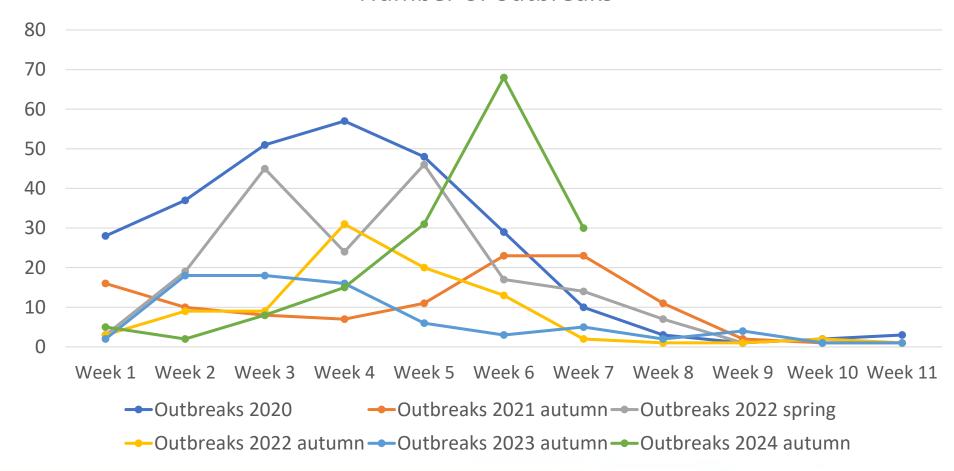






Timeline

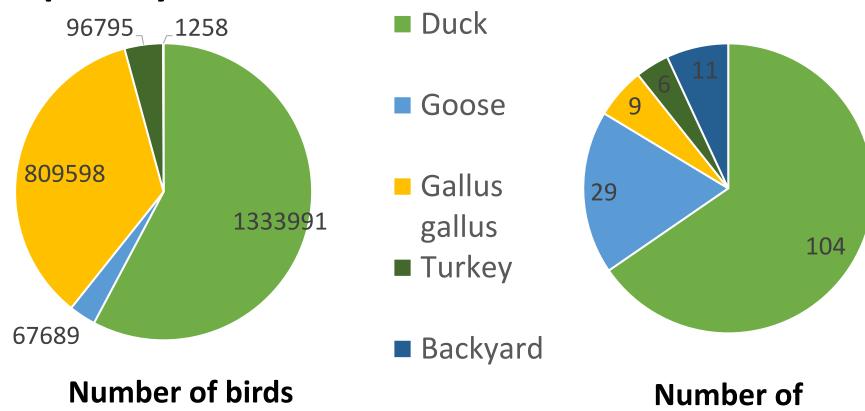
Number of outbreaks







Affected poultry



in outbreaks

outbreaks

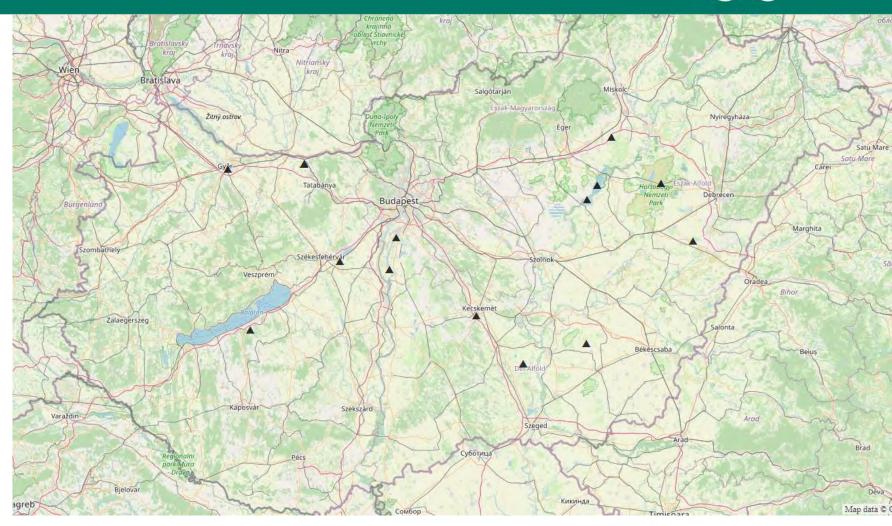




Wild birds

19 wild bird outbreaks (23 wild birds)

- Greylag goose (Anser anser) - 10
- Mute swan
 (Cygnus olor) 11
- Eurasian blackcap
 (Sylvia atricapilla) 1
- Mallard
 (Anas platyrhynchos) 1
- Eurasian collared dove (Streptopelia decaocto)– 1







Measures

- Stamping out
- Epidemiological investigation
- Enlarged zones
- Phylogenetic examination
- Wild birds
- Awareness-raising and information-spreading











Measures

- Transport whole area of Bács-Kiskun, Csongrád-Csanád and Békés before movement of waterfowls to slaughterhouse (swab – 72 h, have to wait the result) - ongoing
- Transport whole country before technological movement of waterfowls (swab – 72 h, have to wait the result) - ongoing
- Closed keeping high risk counties from 11 October
- Free area of districts affected by restriction zones: only poultry can be stocked wich are transported to immeadiate slaugter (no stocking of poultry wich are later transported to other holding for further keeping) – from 14 October





Measures

- Significantly enlarged protection zones from 6 November
- Significantly enlarged surveillance zones from 11 November
- Stocking of waterfowl into free areas of Csongrád-Csanád county is forbidden from 11 November
- Slaughter of killing of healthy lean waterfowl (intended for gavage) swab if slaughtered – 48 h, have to wait the result – from 11 November
- Ban on markets and shows, exhibitions within Hungary (poultry and other kept birds) from 11 November
- Free area of districts affected by restriction zones: only waterfowl can be stocked wich are transported to immeadiate slaugter (no stocking of waterfowl which are later transported to other holding for further keeping) – from 15 November





Further measures

Planned modification on rules on compensation:

- 2020: bonus-malus system was introduced: owners, who implemented certain extra measures got higher compensation, base rate is 60%
- experience shows that even with this reduced rate its worth stocking ducks and geese in the most endangered zone
- proposed changes: base rate is 30% for poultry owners, no compensation if multiple outbreaks, camera system (75%), etc.
- currently at political level





Phylogenetic examination

- 3 fully sequenated isolates: same sequency wild virus originating from Greylag goose
- Closest haemagglutinine sequence: A/butykos_hattyu/Horvatorszag/81/2024 (1 nucleotide difference)
- Closest neuraminaze sequence: A/teal/Italy/24VIR8443-28/2024 (100%) (Croatian strain is likely to be similar, but N sequence is not available)

• A/hattyu/Moldova/8917-4_24VIR442-1/2023, the strain from 2023 stayed and and changed since last year in Southeast Europe

Number of AI samples

1 September 2024-13 November 2024

County	Dead bird	Swab	Total
Bács-Kiskun	1148	60752	61900
Baranya	20	90	110
Békés	175	9316	9491
Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén	48	240	288
Csongrád-Csanád	73	9688	9761
Fejér	33	488	521
Győr-Moson-Sopron	23	294	317
Hajdú-Bihar	269	5228	5497
Heves	8	142	150
Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok	138	1540	1678
Komárom-Esztergom	65	366	431
Nógrád	9	136	145
Pest	24	455	479
Somogy	41	193	234
Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg	144	2209	2353
Tolna	1	86	87
Veszprém	0	134	134
Zala	1	50	51
Total	2220	91407	93627

Thank you for your attention!



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