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HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI)

IN FRANCE



Vaccination campaign in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2023/361

- ✓ The key principles the vaccination strategy : objective, target, vaccine, surveillance
- ✓ Follow up report : 01 October 08 January

HPAI situation as of 19 January 2024

- ✓ Outbreaks in poultry
- ✓ Cases in wildlife

Managment of outbreaks in a context of vaccination



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VACCINATION CAMPAIGN



The main objectives and targets of the vaccination strategy

Strategy	 Preventive vaccination
Species	 Ducks (Barbarie, mulard and Pékin)
Zone	 All of the France mainland (except Corsica)
Period	• All year, from October 2023



Vaccination within a regulatory framework

Species	Production flocks	Reproduction flocks		
Ducks	Vaccination mandatory	Vaccination prohibited for breeding ducks whose products (hatching eggs and day-old ducklings) are exported to another Member State and third countries.		
Gallus	Vaccination prohibited	Vaccination prohibited		
Other species	Vaccination prohibited	Vaccination prohibited		



The used vaccine

- The used vaccine should:
 - Be effective on the HPAI clade 2.3.4.4.b strain
 - Have the capacity for a DIVA strategy using the NP ELISA serology
 - Have an authorisation for use, issued by the ANMV (The National Veterinary Medicines Agency)
 - = > https://www.anses.fr/fr/content/médicaments
- First call for tender of vaccines: 80 million doses == > VOLVAC B.E.S.T of Boehringer Ingelheim

Vaccine/fabricant	Species	Administration route	Number of primary injections	Vaccine storage	Shelf life	DIVA ELISA NP serology
Volvac BEST AI+ND BOERHINGER INGELHEIM	Chicken Pékin duck Barbarie duck Mulard duck	SC	Chicken : 1 Barbarie, mulard Ducks: 2 (from day 10) Pékin Ducks: 2 (from day 1)	+5°C	24 months	Yes

Launch of a second call for tender of vaccines : 61 million doses



Reinforced post-vaccination surveillance

Conditions	Reinforced passive surveillance	Active surveillance and serological survey			
Where?	Epidemiological Unit				
By who?	Breeder or Technician	Official veterinarian			
Frequence?	Weekly	Every 30 days: clinical visit + virological analysis			
	Weekiy	At the end of the batch: serological analysis			
How?	Swabs (tracheal or oropharyngeal swabs) on 5 cadavers	Every 30 days: Swabs on 60 animals (tracheal or oropharyngeal swabs) At the end of the batch: blood collection from 20 animals			
Analysis?	RT-PCR gene M virology If the result was positive → screening H5/H7	RT-PCR gene M virology (If the result was positive → screening H5/H7) and ELISA NP serology			
Laboratoty type?	Recognised laboratory	Approved laboratory			

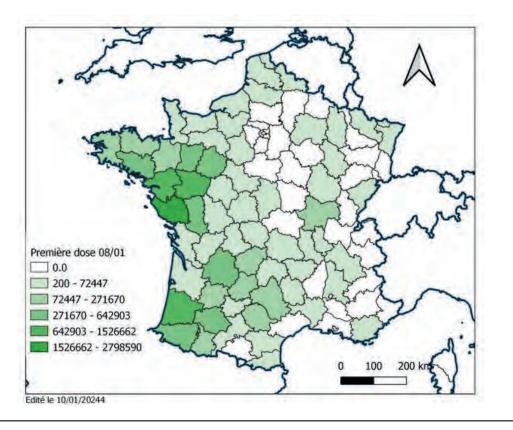


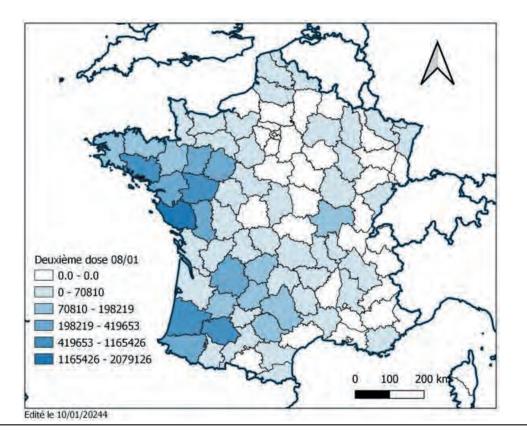
Vaccination follow-up report

Period : from 1rst October 2023 to 8 January 2024

12 441 478 ducks received a first dose of HPAI vaccine

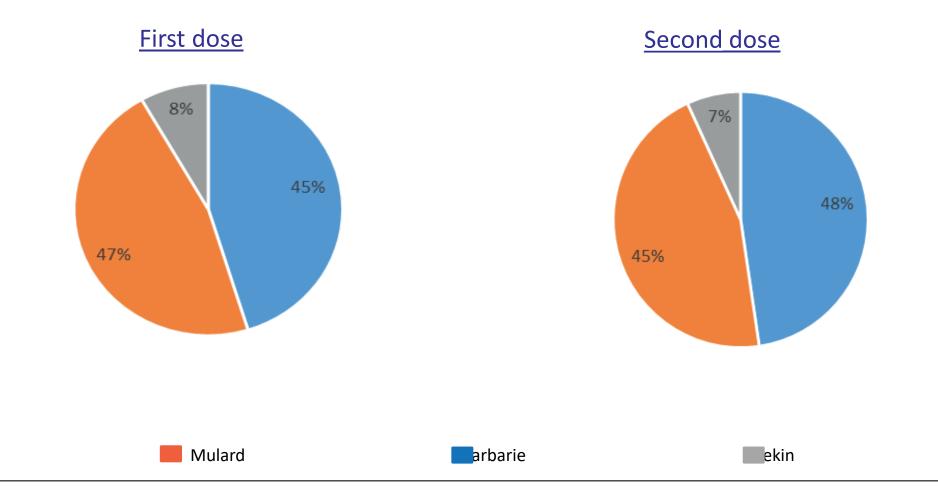
9 050 519 of them received a second dose of HPAI vaccine







Distribution of the number of vaccinated ducks per species





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HPAI SITUATION AS OF 19 JANUARY



HPAI situation as of 19 January 2024

Comparison with the previous season:

- => As of 19 January, 2024, 10 outbreaks of HPAI compared to 345 last year during the same period
- \Rightarrow Fewer cases in wildlife in 2023/2024 compared to the previous season

Information on the 10 H5N1 outbreaks (clade 2.2.3.4.b):

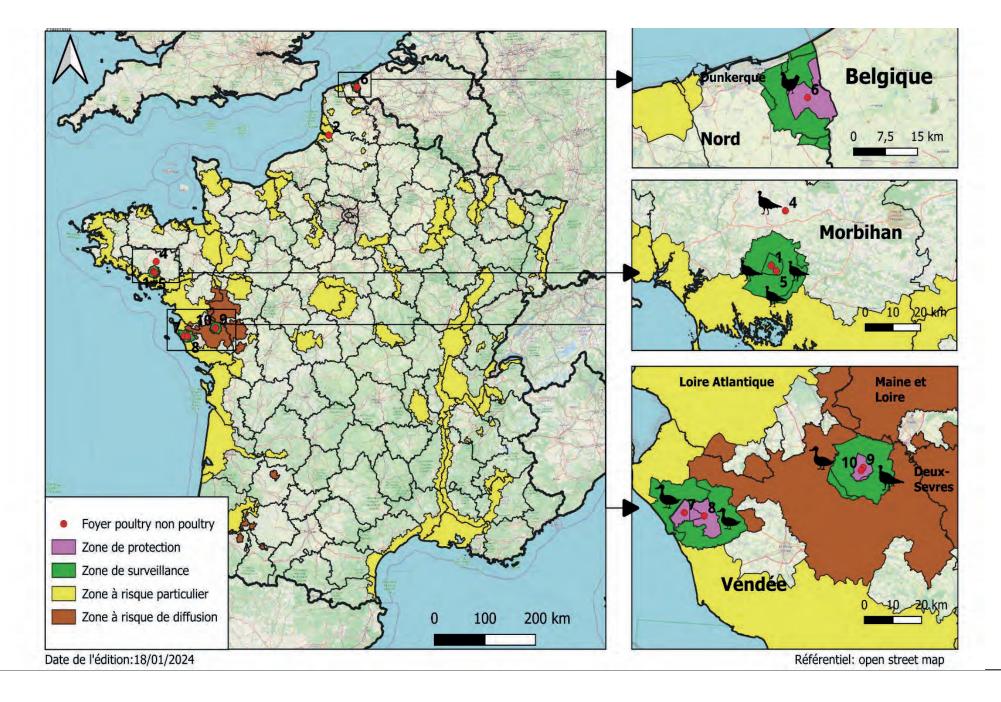
- 6 turkey farms (4 in Morbihan in the same group, 1 in the Somme, 1 Vendée).
- **1 laying hen farm** (304,000 hens) in the Nord department
- 2 Barbarie duck farms in Vendée, epidemiologically linked and vaccinated ("old 74 days" and "young 24 days") / detected because of mortality and clinical signs.
- 1 breeding duck farm in Vendée, not vaccinated, same municipality as the turkey outbreak

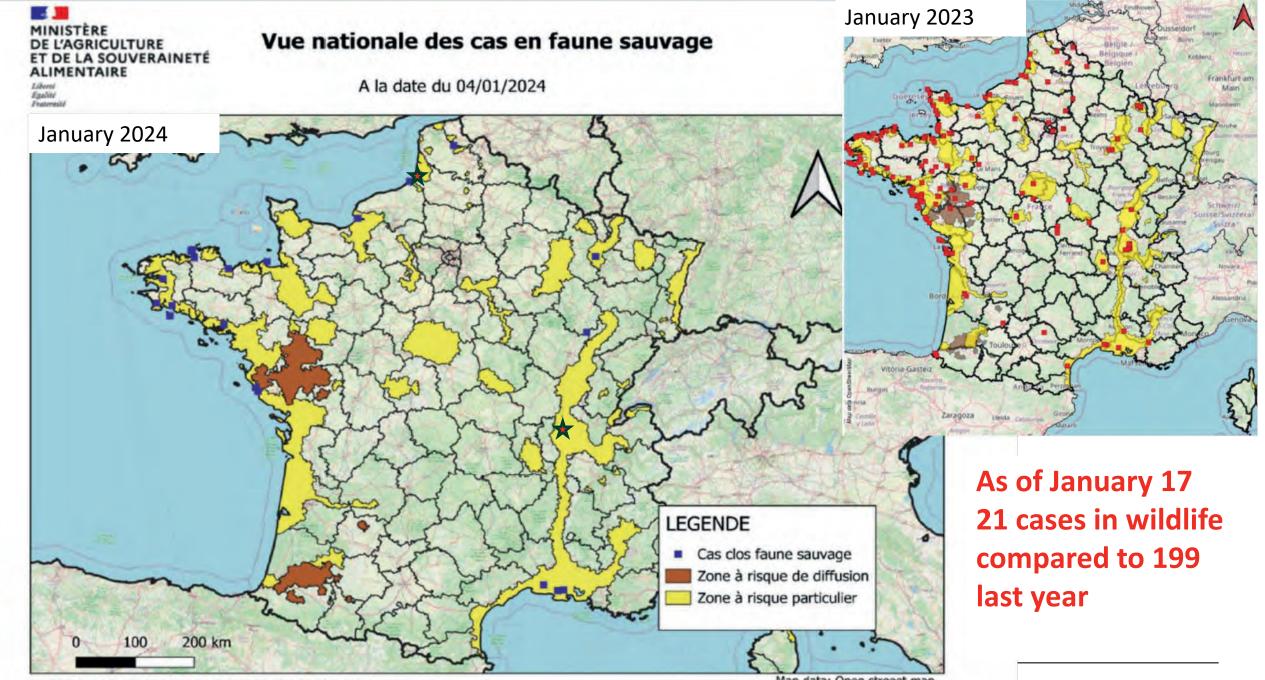
The list of 10 outbreaks

Total depopulation: 415,358 poultry

Departement	Municipality	Species	Number of animals	Date of confirmation	Vaccinal status
Outbreak 1, Morbihan	GRAND-CHAMP	Turkeys	3 850	27/11/2023	
Outbreak 2, Somme	SAILLY FLIBEAUCOURT	Turkeys	26 426	01/12/2023	
Outbreak 3 Morbihan	GRAND-CHAMP (foyer secondaire en lien avec foyer 1)	Turkeys	4 000	02/12/2023	
Outbreak 4, Morbihan	MOREAC	Turkeys	9 660	05/12/2023	
Outbreak 5, Morbihan	LOCMARIA-GRAND-CHAMP	Turkeys	13 770	06/12/2023	
Outbreak 6, Nord	WARHEM	Laying hens	304 000	20/12/2023	
Outbreak 7 Vendée	NOTRE DAME DE RIEZ	Barbarie ducks	8700	02/01/2024	V1:02/11/23 V2:22/11/23
Outbreak 8, Vendée	COMMEQUIERS (foyer secondaire en lien avec foyer 7)	Barbarie ducks	17 206	05/01/2024	V1 : 28/12/23
Outbreak 9, Vendée	BEAUREPAIRE	Turkeys	21 648	10/01/2024	
Outbreak 10 , Vendée	BEAUREPAIRE	Breeding duck	6398	16/01/2024	Not vaccinated







*cas clos: cas faune sauvage qui datent de plus de 21 jours

Map data: Open streeet map



Results of phylogenetic data

- Circulation of different genotypes in wildlife (FR9 in Laridae, FR16 in Cranes)
- Several genotypes detected in farm outbreaks = multiple independent introductions (FR2, FR9, FR17)



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OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF VACCINATION



Control measures in a vaccination context

In the case of outbreak in vaccinated establishment

Application of conventional control measures in the outbreak as provided by EU regulation 2020/687, including the culling of vaccinated birds without delay.

Management of vaccinated establishments in restricted zones

- > For ducks having received their first injection, the primary vaccination will be completed
- In view of the risk of exposure to the HPAI virus, active post-vaccination monitoring is carried out every two weeks, with samples (tracheal or oropharyngeal swabs) taken from 60 vaccinated individuals for virological analysis (RT-PCR).



French Ministry of Agriculture website

Everything you need to know about the highly pathogenic avian influenza vaccination action plan in France

(available in French and English)

Influenza aviaire hautement pathogène



Pour en savoir plus sur la stratégie vaccinale





Thank you for your attention

