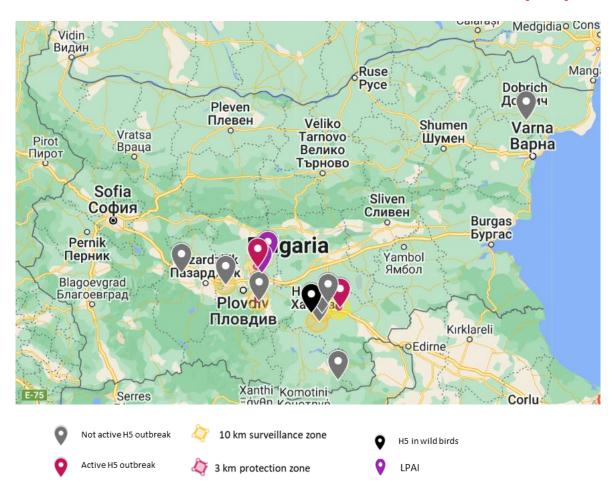


Avian Influenza epidemiological situation in Bulgaria /update/

PAFF AH&AW committee 16.05.2024



Map – AI outbreaks confirmed and active restriction zones from 01.01.2024 to 16.05.2024 in Bulgaria

Outbreaks confirmed within the period 25/04/ - 16/05/2024:

- > Farms affected:
 - 2 mulard duck farms
- > Regions affected:
 - Haskovo;
 - Plovdiv.

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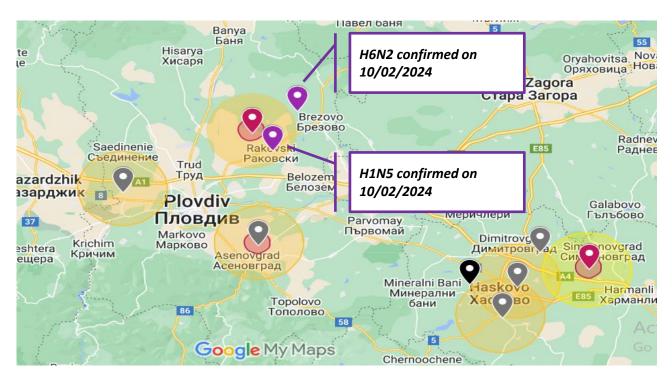
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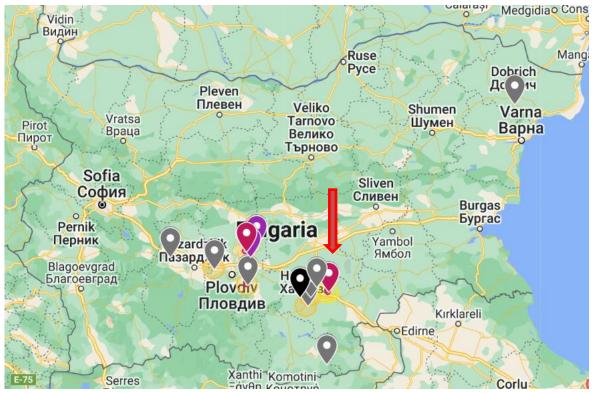
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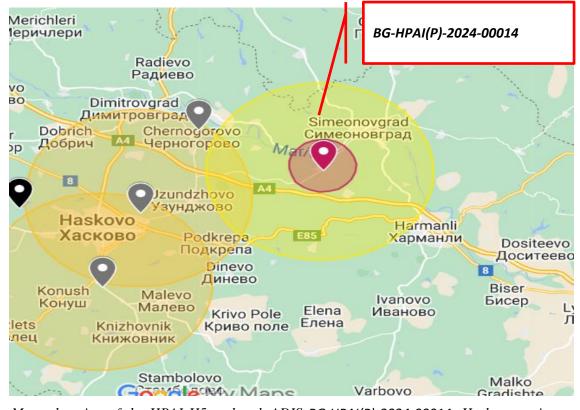
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- > 19/02/2024 two Mulard duck farms confirmed M gene+ within the annual programme for surveillance of AI, further confirmed negative for H5/H7 Vi (20.02.2024) and positive H6N2 and H1N5;
- > 19/02/2024 Animal movement restriction imposed (exceptions only for immediate slaughtering under official control and pre-movement testing);
- Ban for repopulation until the end of the production cycle.



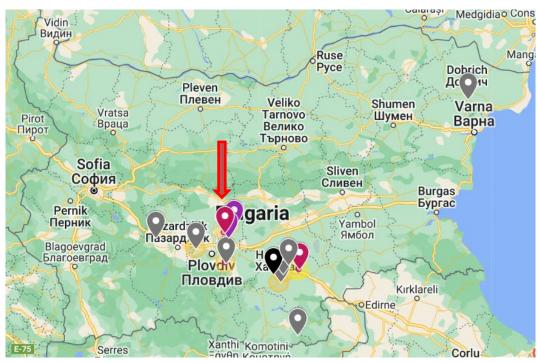
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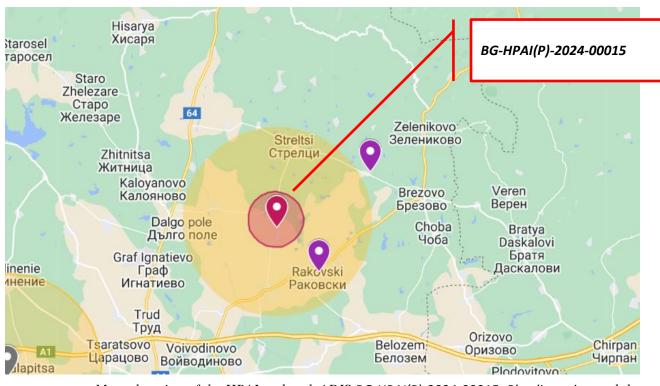
Map - location of the HPAI H5 outbreak ADIS BG-HPAI(P)-2024-00014, Haskovo region and the established 3 and 10-km restriction zones

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Region	ADIS ref N	HPAI	Date of suspicion	Date of confirmation	Poultry category	Affected poultry, n	Date of culling of poultry	preliminary C&D	Additional comments
Haskovo	BG-HPAI(P)- 2024-00014	H5	pre- movement testing on 09.05.2024	10.05.2024	Mulard duck	6300	16.05.2024	Is going on	25/04/2024- pre-movement testing negative for H5; No clinical signs , 82 days old, Surveillance in the restriction zones are going on



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Map - location of the HPAI outbreak ADIS BG-HPAI(P)-2024-00015, Plovdiv 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
Plovdiv	BG-HPAI(P)-2024- 00015	H5	09.05.2024	10.05.2024	Mulard duck	1800	15.05.2024	Is going on	Confirmed within the enhanced active surveillance, 43 days old. Surveillance in the restriction zones is going on

Control measures in place (1):

- ➤ Early detected outbreaks and measures in accordance with CDR (EU) 2020/687 applied;
- ➤ Movement of poultry and captive birds in RZs are restricted. No movement from restriction zones for EU trade;
- Intensified official control in the commercial farms (biosecurity checks + laboratory surveillance) and pre-movement animal testing;
- > Epidemiological investigations:
- No link between affected holdings and/with previously affected holdings confirmed so far;
- No clinical signs;
- The results from the phylogenetic analysis for the last outbreaks are expected.



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Region	Poultry category affected	H5 Outbreaks,n	Poultry affected, n
Dobrich	duck	1	9510
	broiler	1	396561
	duck	1	6300
Haskovo	laying hens	2	64840
Kardzhali	backyard	1	98
Pazardzhik	duck	1	12636
	duck	5	28275
Plovdiv	laying hens	2	239947
Veliko Tarnovo	pekin duck	1	37850
Total		15	796017

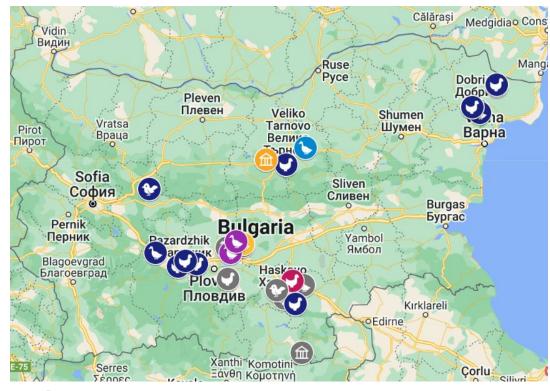
Table – Number of HPAI H5 outbreaks in poultry confirmed since 1st of Jan 2024 in Bulgaria, per affected regions and poultry category

Genome characterization 2023-2024

EURL - Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie (IZSVe)

- ➤ HPAI H5N1 viruses of clade 2.3.4.4b;
- > Three different genotypes:
 - EA-2023-DA mostly detected in the country, since Jan 2023; One genotype with the highest identity with H5N1 viruses detected in Eastern Europe, might indicate a separate virus introduction.;
 - EA 2021-AF (associated to several outbreaks in 2021-2023);
 - EA-2024-DF new genotype; reassortment event between genotypes DA and AF).
- ➤ Molecular markers none of the mutations are associated to the switch in the virus binding preference from avian to human-type receptor. Molecular markers of mammalian adaptations are not present in the analysed viruses;
- ➤ LPAI viruses (H6N2; H1N5) cluster with other LPAI viruses circulating in Europe.

Table – AI outbreaks confirmed since 1st of Jan 2024 in Bulgaria and the result from the genome characterization 2023-2024

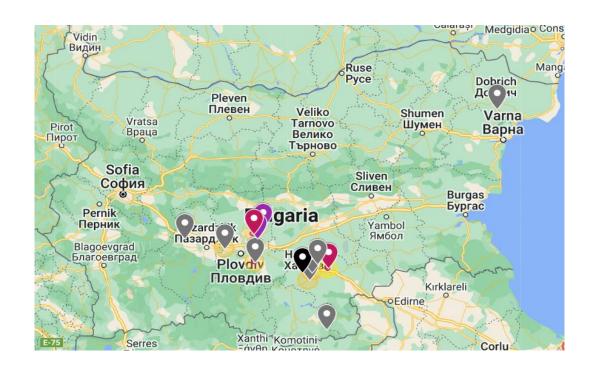


- EA-2023-DA
 - EA-2023-DA new virus introduction
- analysis is going on
- P EA 2021-AF
- P EA-2024-DF
- LPAI viruses (H6N2; H1N5)

- Backyard
- Anseriformes
- Galliformes
- Captive poultry and birds

Control measures in place (2):

- > Biosecurity measures in poultry holdings in place;
- Surveillance in wild birds;
- ➤ Ban for outdoor keeping of poultry, live poultry market, exhibitions and competitions in the whole country;
- Regular meetings with poultry industry for enforcing further control measures;
- ➤ Awareness campaigns and prescriptions for enhancing biosecurity measures, focus on farmers and veterinarians;
- ➤ Multi-institutional plan for control and prevention of HPAI.



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Thank you for the attention!

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