

BULGARIAN FOOD SAFETY AGENCY

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HPAI situation in Bulgaria

SC PAFF 19/05/2021

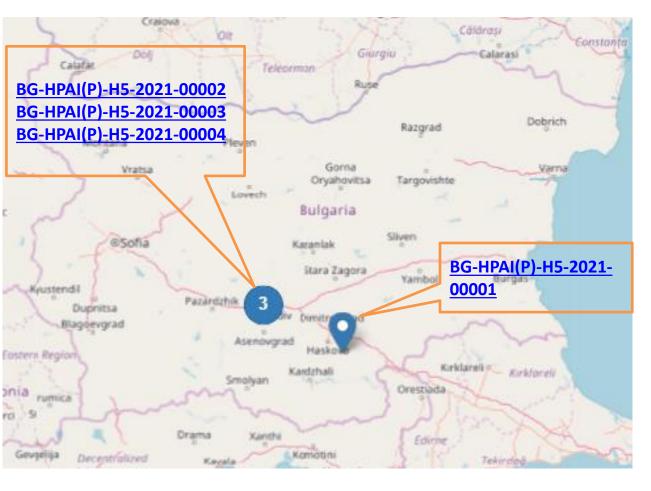






Outbreaks in BG (situation by 19/05/2021) -

overview







- ➤ 4 outbreaks in industrial holdings (4 laying hens, 1 of which are growing) from 23/04 to 05/05
- > 161 800 affected poultry

Actual situation in BG

Date of confirmationin Haskovo region:

23.04.2021

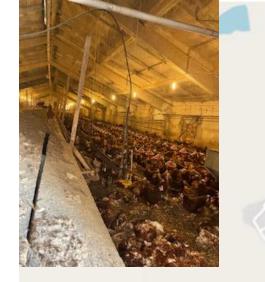
> Subtype: H5N8

Location: Krivo pole,
Haskovo region,
approx. 40 km north
from the borderline
with Greece and 50 km
with Turkey;

> Type of production: laying hens

Number of birds present: 39950

Confirmation on suspicion based on increasing mortality and clinical signs (highmortality rates)





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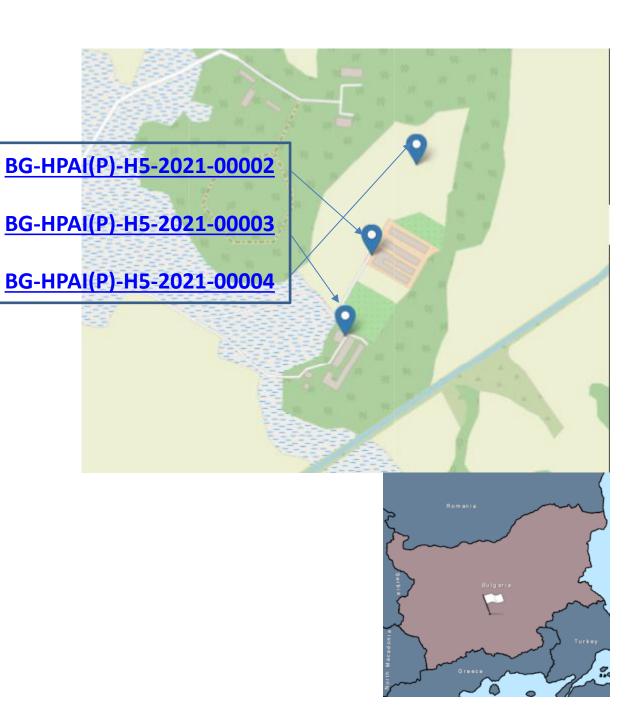
Krivo Pole





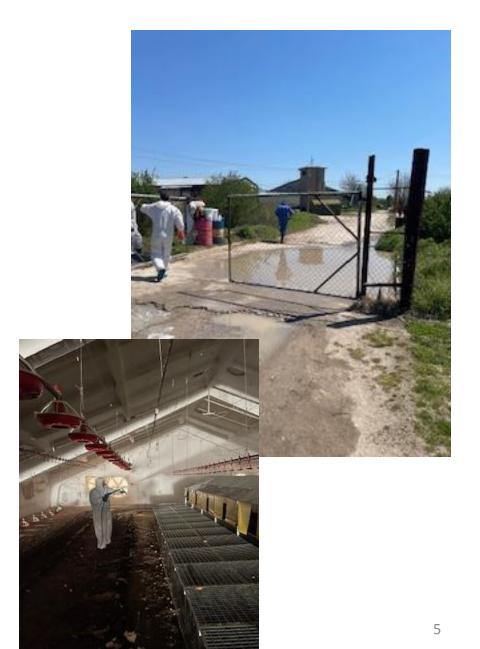
Actual situation in

- Confirmation of following outbreaks in Plovdiv region:
- **26.04** 1 holding for laying hens (43000 susceptible)
- **05.05** 2 holdings for laying hens. One of them is with 16372 growers and another one is with 62478 birds.
- The first of them is technologically linked with outbreaks that was confirmed on the 26.04
- Location: within 3 and 10 km zone around ADIS 2;
- Confirmed following active surveillance (under increased mortality).



Control measures for the outbreak eradication

- Establishing 3 and 10-km restriction zones
- Culling by CO2 and disposal of all poultry in the affected holdings
- Tracing and disposal/treatment of eggs/meat/products
- Cleaning and disinfection
- Active surveillance in the zones, clinical/biosecurity checks, sampling
- Ban of outdoor keeping
- Ban of markets and fairs



Avian Influenza in wild birds

On 31.03.2021 two wild birds - European herring gull (Larus argentatus) and Grey heron (Ardea cinerea) were found dead in Burgas region 4 km from each other. HPAI virus was confirmed by the National reference laboratory by PCR. The laboratory results shows that the type is H5N5.



Reference / National reference ≑	Туре \$	Country or territory	Administrative zone \$	Disease ‡	Suspicion date \$	Confirmation date \$	Preliminary C&D if applicable/End date \$	Species	Total susceptible	Total cases	
■ BG-HPAI(NON-P)WB-ADNS-2021-002	Primary	Bulgaria	BURGAS	Highly pathogenic influenza A viruses (Inf. with) (non- poultry including wild birds) (2017-)	_	31/03/2021	_	Wildlife (species unspecified)	1	1	Ø ₈ Actions ▼
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Control measures in Bulgaria

1. Preparedness activities (started in November 2020):

- Gathering Local Epizootic Commissions
- Cooperation with CA for forestry/hunting associations/ornitologists for enhanced surveillance in wild birds
- Enhanced official checks on:
 - ✓ Registration requirements
 - ✓ Biosecurity
 - ✓ Implementation of the National surveillance programme
 - ✓ Implementation of additional requirement set by BFSA (movement restrictions/sanitary periods, etc.)
 - ✓ Transport
 - ✓ Slaughterhouses

Control measures in Bulgaria

2. Current state of play of the surveillance regimen:

- ➤ Waterfowls all holdings: official serological sampling on 50-60 days old ducks and biosecurity checks 4 times per year, rearrangement of the production (technological links only) and sanitary periods;
- Galliformes all holdings: official biosecurity checks twice per year serological sampling on a representative number of holdings;
- ➤ National Avian Influenza Programme (2019-2021);
- ➤ Changes in the legislation (Ordinance 44 on the veterinary requirements on the animal holdings increased biosecurity + individual biosecurity plans, individual contingency plans) and specific ordinances of the BFSA on the controls regimen.

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3. Awareness campaigns – for poultry owners, hunters, registered veterinarians (on biosecurity/ban of outdoor keeping/notifications of suspicions)

4. Cooperation with industry - regular meetings with the





Thank you!

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