

# **WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT**

December 13th - December 19th 2021

# SUMMARY: RELEVANT EVENTS (includes all events rated ≥ 3.0) Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy On December 17, 2021, the CFIA notified the OIE of a case of atypical BSE in a 8 and a half year old beef cow on a farm in Alberta; the detection of this atypical case is Canada's first case of BSE in more than six years African Swine Fever Malaysia has confirmed the first cases of ASF in wild boar in Bidor and Sungkai in Perak, and Jerantut in Pahang Influenza A H5N6 China is monitoring four additional human cases of a vian influenza A(H5N6) in the Mainland

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# Atypical Bovine spongiform encephalopathy in Alberta

Pathogen: Prion; Transmission: Atypical; Species affected in event: Cow

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Avg. Rating	3.0
No. of Signal	3
No. of Ratings	2

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## Undiagnosed respiratory illness in Ohio

Pathogen: Unknown; Transmission: Unknown; Species affected in event: Human

① Undiagnosed respiratory illnesses are popping up in the Miami Valley, Cleveland area, and a cross the northern tier of Ohio. Health experts say symptoms are similar to the flu, but patients aren't testing positive for influenza or COVID-19.

Avg. Rating	2.5
No. of Signal	1
No. of Ratings	2



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### CONTINUED EVENTS: (events rated $\geq 2.4$ )

### **African Swine Fever in Asia**

No. of Signals: 04

No. of weeks in report: 130

Avrg. Rating: 2.3 - 3.0

- Malaysia has confirmed the first cases of ASF in wild boar in Bidor and Sungkai in Perak, and Jerantut in Pahang
- China's Hebei province has confirmed a new ASF outbreak in pigs being transported from other provinces as the virus was found in two trucks, halted in the coastal city of Qinhuangdao

### Influenza A (H5N6) in China

No. of Signals: 03

No. of weeks in report: 20

Avrg. Rating: 2.3 - 3.0

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### Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Europe

No. of Signals: 20

No. of weeks in report: 54

Avrg. Rating: 2.0 - 2.5

- Bulgaria has reported an outbreak of HPAI in a commercial duck farm in the village of Malak Dol
- Poland, Hungary, France, Russia, Germany, Sweden, Ireland, and Italy have reported outbreaks of HPAI H5N1 in domestic poultry
- <u>Ukraine</u> has reported HPAI H5 in backyard poultry in Kherson
- France, Greece, Germany, and Austria have reported HPAI H5N1 in wild birds
- DEFRA has released an updated <u>Outbreak Assessment</u> for HPAI in the UK, and Europe
- A summary of the overall HPAI situation in Europe is available here

### Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Asia

No. of Signals: 02

No. of weeks in report: 43

Avrg. Rating: 2.0 - 2.5

- <u>Japan</u> has reported an outbreak of HPAI in Aomori, with 7,000 birds slated for extermination; Aomori is now the eighth Japanese prefecture with a confirmed bird flu outbreak this season
- South Korea has reported cases of HPAI H5N1 in wild birds

### African Swine Fever in Europe

No. of Signals: 04

No. of weeks in report: 120

Avrg. Rating: 2.0 - 2.5

- Germany and Latvia have reported cases of ASF in wild boar
- Romania has reported outbreaks of ASF in domestic swine

### **SCIENTIFIC FINDINGS:**

Tick abundance and life-stage segregation on the American black bear (Ursus americanus)

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Monoglyceride reduces viability of porcine epidemic diarrhoea virus in feed and prevents disease transmission to postweaned piglets

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Seasonal fishery facilitates a novel transmission pathway in an emerging animal reservoir of Guinea worm

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