

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT

January 17th - January 23rd 2022

SUMMARY: RELEVANT EVENTS (includes all events rated ≥ 3.0)

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

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Powassan virus

Pennsylvania has detected an unusually high prevalence [92% (23/25)] of the deer tick virus in adult tick samples recently taken from Lawrence Township Recreational Park in Clearfield County

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Undiagnosed bird deaths

In P.E.I., large numbers of crows in Charlottetown are being found sick or dead in the Victoria Park area; tests have confirmed it isn't avian influenza, and the suspicion is that it could be a type of reovirus



NEW EVENTS: (events rated > 2)



Undiagnosed crow deaths in Charlottetown, P.E.I.

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

① A team at the Atlantic Veterinary College in P.E.I. is working to identify why large numbers of crows in Charlottetown are being found sick or dead in the Victoria Park area. Scientists with the college estimate about 200 birds have been brought in over the past several weeks. Mortality at this time of year happens regularly, but a few dozen dead crows is usually the norm. Tests have confirmed it isn't avian influenza, and the suspicion is that it could be a type of reovirus, something that's caused crow deaths in the past.

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Avg. Rating	3.0		
No. of Signal	1		
No. of Ratings	34		

Pig mortality in Mexican slaughterhouse - circovirus type II, Mycoplasma hyopneumoniae, Pasterella multocida, salmonella

Pathogen: Multiple; Transmission: Multiple; Species affected in event: Porcine

• Mexico has ruled out the presence of African swine fever and classical swine fever viruses, after a mortality event the last week of December at a slaughterhouse in Tepic, Nayarit. According to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, the presence of infectious agents such as circovirus type II, Mycoplasma hyopneumoniae and Pasterella multocida, as well as salmonella, was confirmed.

Avg. Rating	2.2		
No. of Signal	1		
No. of Ratings	6		



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CONTINUED EVENTS: (events rated ≥ 2.4)

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in North America No. of Signals: 02 No. of weeks in report: 03 Avrg. Rating: 3.0 – 3.2

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African Swine Fever in Europe

No. of Signals: 07 No. of weeks in

No. of weeks in report: 124 Avrg. Rating: 2.0 – 2.8

- <u>Italy</u> has introduced further measures in two northern regions to contain a recent ASF outbreak, including the immediate slaughter of pigs and a six-month restocking ban
- Germany, Hungary, and Latvia have reported cases of ASF in wild boar

African Swine Fever in Asia

No. of Signals: 07

No. of weeks in report: 134

Avrg. Rating: 2.0 – 2.7

- Hong Kong has reported an outbreak of ASF in a wild boar in the northern part of the territory
- In Malaysia, Sabah has been hit with another outbreak of ASF this time in the district of Penampang
- In Thailand, ASF has been detected in livestock at three pig farms in Prachuap Khiri Khan

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Europe

No. of Signals: 13

No. of weeks in report: 58

Avrg. Rating: 2.0 - 2.6

- The Netherlands have reported another H5N1 infected mammal with severe neurological symptoms, this time a polecat found in South Holland
- In France, a total of 2.5 million birds will be culled as the southwest of the country faces several outbreaks of avian influenza
- Spain has reported an outbreak of HPAI H5N1 on a fattening turkey farm in the province of Segovia, north of Madrid
- The Isle of Man has reported its first outbreaks of HPAI H5N1, the first in geese in Sulby and the second in feral chickens in Tholt-y-Will
- England has reported an outbreak of HPAI H5N1 in farmed turkeys in Tattenhall, Cheshire West and Chester
- Slovakia and Norway have reported HPAI H5N1 in wild birds
- Denmark has reported HPAI H5N8 in wild birds
- A summary of the overall HPAI situation in Europe is available here

Influenza A (H9N2 & H5N6) in China

No. of Signals: 05

No. of weeks in report: 22

Avrg. Rating: 2.2 - 2.4

- China has reported 4 new cases of human infection with avian influenza A(H9N2); to date, 24 cases of avian influenza A(H9N2) have been reported to WHO from China in 2021, and a total of 65 cases since December 2015
- China has also reported five additional human cases of avian influenza A(H5N6) from December 2021, bringing the total cases reported last year to 36; and the total cases in China since 2014 to 63

COVID-19 Worldwide (as of Jan 24, 2022)

No. of Signals: 07

No. of weeks in report: 61

Avrg. Rating: 1.0 - 2.4

- Worldwide, there have been 349,641,119 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 5,592,266 deaths reported
- In Canada, there have been 2,921,385 cases of COVID-19 with 32,597 deaths reported
- In Hong Kong, multiple pet store hamsters have tested positive for SARS-CoV-2

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Africa

No. of Signals: 04

No. of weeks in report: 21

Avrg. Rating: 2.0

• South Africa has reported HPAI H5N1 in domestic poultry in Gauteng

increased fitness for poultry and a zoonotic potential

- Togo has reported an outbreak of HPAI H5N1 in laying hens in Maritime
- Namibia has reported HPAI in wild birds at Walvis Bay

SCIENTIFIC FINDINGS & REPORTS:

Pennsylvania detects high prevalence of deer tick virus (DTV) in a dult tick samples in Clearfield County

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