

# **WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT**

June 24th 2024 - June 30th 2024

## SUMMARY: RELEVANT SIGNALS (includes all signals rated ≥ 3.0)

## **Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza**

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## NEW EVENTS: (events rated > 2)



#### Babesiosis in Estonia

#### Pathogen: parasite; Transmission: vector - tick; Species affected in event: human

① Eight human cases of babesiosis and one re-infection have been reported in Estonia in 2024. Babesiosis was detected in Estonian ticks a few years ago, with <2% of ticks being carriers at the time. There is no ongoing surveillance for babesiosis in the country, with only Lyme disease and encephalitis currently being monitored. Babesiosis has primarily been found in Southern Europe, however now it has been reported in countries with cooler climates, including Estonia and Finland. Read More

Avg. Rating	2.6
No. of Signal	1
No. of Ratings	7



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CONTINUED EVENTS: (events rated ≥ 2.4)

### Influenza A(H1N2v) in the United States

No. of Signals: 01 No. of weeks in report: 13 Avg. Rating: 3.0

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#### Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in North America

No. of Signals: 13 No. of weeks in report: 122 Avg. Rating: 1.7 - 3.0

- Canada has not reported any outbreaks of HPAI in domestic poultry over the last week
- Over the last week, the <u>USA</u> has reported outbreaks of HPAI in commercial poultry in: Minnesota(2); and in WOAH Non-Poultry in: Colorado(2) and Minnesota(1)
- As of July 2, 2024, the <u>USDA</u> has reported influenza A H5N1 in a total of 137 dairy herds across 12 states: Wyoming(1), North Carolina(1), Ohio(1), Kansas(4 South Dakota(5), <u>Minnesota(6)</u>, New Mexico(8), Iowa(11), Texas(21), <u>Colorado(23)</u>, <u>Michigan(25)</u>, and Idaho(26)
- Colorado state website lists a total of 27 infected herds with 4 released from quarantine
- Minnesota state website lists a total of 8 infected herds with 1 released from quarantine
- Additional herds, one from each Ohio and North Carolina, have enrolled in the <u>USDA's</u> voluntary dairy herd status program, bringing the total number of herds enrolled to six
- The <u>USDA</u> has added more domestic cats detections to its HPAI in mammals list, bringing the total number of cats to 30; no additional mice detections have been reported over the last week
- The <u>CDC</u> has issued additional influenza A guidance for agricultural exhibits
- New H5N1 testing and sampling efforts have been announced, with the CDC partnering with Michigan to launch a study to test the blood of farm workers for antibodies to H5N1; meanwhile, the FDA will be doing another round of dairy product sampling, including items such as raw milk cheese, cream cheese, ice cream, and butter
- The CDC has released an additional week of Influenza A (not strain specific) wastewater surveillance data on its dashboard

#### Mpox Worldwide (Democratic Republic of Congo)

No. of Signals: 02 No. of weeks in report: 25 Avg. Rating: 2.0 - 2.8

• Cases of Mpox clade 1 are increasing in the <u>DRC</u>, with ~7,851 cases and 384 associated fatalities reported up to the end of May 2024; the initial outbreak in South Kivu has also now expanded to North Kivu and is currently driven by sexual contact transmission

### Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Europe

No. of Signals: 03 No. of weeks in report: 182 Avg. Rating: 2.0 - 2.6

- Svalbard and Jan Mayen Islands have reported HPAI H5 in a walrus in June; initial reports of HPAI in walruses in the region occurred in late April 2024
- France and Spain have reported cases of HPAI H5N1 in wild birds
- A summary of the overall HPAI situation in Europe is available here

#### **New World Screwworm in Central America**

No. of Signals: 01 No. of weeks in report: 08 Avg. Rating: 2.5

• Costa Rica has now reported 11 laboratory confirmed cases of New World Screwworm in humans, along with a second human death associated with the parasite

#### Dengue in the United States

No. of Signals: 01 No. of weeks in report: 04 Avg. Rating: 2.5

- The CDC has issued a health advisory due to an increased risk of dengue infections this summer, as the global incidence for dengue in 2024 has been th highest on record, with many countries reporting higher-than-usual case numbers
- In 2024, Florida has reported eight cases of locally acquired dengue across three counties

#### Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Australia

No. of Signals: 03 No. of weeks in report: 06 Avg. Rating: 2.0 - 2.3

- <u>Australia</u> has reported two additional outbreaks of HPAI H7N8, one in Hawkesbury (the same region where the initial outbreak was reported) and the other in Canberra, which is linked to the infected site in Hawkesbury via the transporting of eggs and associated materials for commercial grading
- No additional outbreaks of HPAI H7N3 or HPAI H7N9 have been reported in the last week

#### **Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Asia**

No. of Signals: 01 No. of weeks in report: 147 Avg. Rating: 2.0

• China has reported HPAI H5N6 in wild birds



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## SCIENTIFIC FINDINGS, REPORTS, AND GUIDANCE:

## <u>Influenza</u>

H5N1 clade 2.3.4.4b avian influenza viruses replicate in differentiated bovine airway epithelial cells cultured at air-liquid interface

- Persistence of Influenza H5N1 and H1N1 Viruses in Unpasteurized Milk on Milking Unit Surfaces Read More
- Pre-print: Inactivation of highly pathogenic avian influenza virus with high temperature short time 1 continuous flow pasteurization and virus detection in bulk milk tanks

Read More

- ♦ Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Virus A(H5N1) Clade 2.3.4.4b Infection in Free-Ranging Polar Bear, Alaska, USA Read More
- Reducing the risk of highly pathogenic avian influenza A virus H5N1 transmission during the Hajj

**Mpox** 

♦ WHO – Mpox – Multi-country outbreak of mpox

## **Vectors and Vector borne Diseases**

♦ Oropouche fever cases diagnosed in Italy in two epidemiologically non-related travellers from Cuba, late May to early June 2024

### **Other**

First findings of Sarcocystis species in game deer and feral pigs in Australia

France - Weekly Bulletin for International Animal Health Surveillance 02/07/2024

Read More

ECDC - Communicable disease threats report, 22 - 28 June 2024, week 26

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