

AVIAN INFLUENZA UPDATE 4/2018

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HPAI H5N6 in Europe

- A white tailed sea eagle tested positive for HPAI H5N6 in Sweden on 20 February 2018.
- On 26 February 2018, the Netherlands confirmed subtype HPAI H5N6 in a **poultry** premises in the province of Groningen. The affected farm, a broiler breeder premises with 36,000 birds, reported a significant increasing mortality rate of birds and culling of the affected flock is underway. This is the second outbreak of HPAI H5N6 in poultry in Europe this season.

Advice

- DAFM continues to monitor the situation in Europe closely and the advice to poultry flock owners, including owners of backyard poultry, is to remain **vigilant to the threat of avian influenza** and implement strategic, ongoing biosecurity measures – in particular by feeding birds indoors or under cover.
- Specific biosecurity advice can be found here:
https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/avian_influenza/biosecurityadvice/
- Flock owners are also reminded to update their flock registration details. On-line registration is now possible. Full details can be found [here](#).
- There is now a link to the avian influenza section of the DAFM website from the home page – see Current Topics on the top left of the screen:
<https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/>

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