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Update on Avian Influenza: Situation as of 5 February 2004						
Country	Epizootics		Virus subtype identified	Number of confirmed human cases		Comments
	Number of provinces affected	Species of birds affected		Cases	Deaths	
Cambodia	1 out of 19	Chickens: mostly laying/breeder hens	H5N1	0	0	Several localized outbreaks around Phom Penh.
China	14 out of 31	Ducks, chickens, geese, one peregrine falcon in Hong Kong	H5N1	0	0	Epizootia out of control.
Indonesia	11 out of 26	Chickens	H5N1	0	0	Epizootia widespread, out of control.
Japan	1 out of 9	Egg-laying poultry	H5N1	0	0	Epizootia under control since January.

Laos	1 out of 17	Laying hens	H5	0	0	Epizootia limited to one area in Vientiane.
Pakistan	1 out of 7	Egg-laying poultry	H7	0	0	Epizootia localized but widespread; etiology as yet unconfirmed.
South Korea	1 out of 14	Chickens, ducks	H5N1	0	0	Epizootia under control since January.
Taiwan	1 out of 21	Laying hens, colored-feather native chickens	H5N2	0	0	Epizootia under control since January.
Thailand	29 out of 76	Chickens (broilers/fryers, laying hens), native poultry, ducks, geese, turkeys, ostrich, quail, peacocks	H5N1	5	5	Epizootia out of control; bird-human transmission.
Viet Nam	53 out of 64	Parent stock for broilers/fryers (chickens)	H5N1	18	13	Familiar cluster of confirmed cases of subtype H5N1; present mode of transmission under investigation.
Total				23	18	

Note: There are 20 confirmed human cases, of which 4 cases would represent a potential threat for person-to-person transmission. Surveillance enhancement and early detection of human cases is a current priority.

Sources

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- [Alerts—Disease Information](#) (4 February 2004). Paris: World Organization for Animal Health (OIE).

