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### High Pathogenic Avian Influenza Outbreak in Jalisco

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**Report Highlights:**

On [June 21](#), the National Service of Health, Food Safety, and Food Quality informed the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) that zoosanitary measures are being implemented due to the possible detection, on June 13, 2012, of avian influenza (AI) in three commercial layer farms devoted to table egg production. The affected farms are located in the *Tepatitlán* and *Acatitlán* municipalities in the State of Jalisco. On June 26, SENASICA informed the OIE that the avian influenza was high pathogenic (HPAI) subtype [H7N3](#) and that additional epidemiological investigation results were pending.

### General Information:

The National Service of Health, Food Safety, and Food Quality (SENASICA) reported three outbreaks of H7N3 in commercial poultry flocks to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE). SENASICA actions consist of a preventive quarantine; including poultry depopulation, strengthening of the currently applied bio-security measures, additional screening, and movement controls within and outside the area around the outbreaks. The outbreak has been identified and located between *Acatic* (A) and *Pegueros* (B) which has a high-concentration of poultry farms. SENASICA and the poultry sector are coordinating with each other to conduct surveillance and farm verification programs to certify product safety. Neighboring states are being monitored as are additional municipalities, but no positive detections have been recorded. According to the OIE, the H7 strain does not affect humans, swine, or other reproductive species.



Mexican official figures for 2011 rank Jalisco as the largest producer of poultry meat and table eggs in the country, representing 11.5 and 50.3 percent of domestic production; respectively. SENASICA reports that the current susceptible population in the area is over 1 million birds and that as of June 25, 2012, 60,000 birds had been destroyed. (NOTE: Mexican industry data indicates over 134 million birds were slaughtered in officially controlled (TIF) poultry slaughter houses in Jalisco in 2011 and, that as a nation, Mexico slaughtered over 759 million poultry in TIF plants in 2011. END NOTE).

SENASICA has emphasized that, in line with OIE provisions, the consumption of table eggs, poultry meat and other poultry products are safe and that avian products available in the domestic market, either from regions under surveillance or from any other region in the country, are free of the virus. The per capita consumption of eggs in Mexico is among the highest in the world at around 22.5 kilograms (approximately 330 eggs) per person.

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