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SENASICA Delivers Vaccines to Control AI Outbreak

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Report Highlights:

The National Service of Health, Food Safety, and Food Quality (SENASICA) updated information on the avian influenza (AI) outbreak in Jalisco. SENASICA has inspected 358 farms, 34 are confirmed positive, 125 were negative, and 199 are awaiting lab diagnostics. The first AI vaccines have been delivered to Jalisco producers.

Implementation of Zoo-sanitary Requirements Sheet (*HRZ*) for table and breaking eggs remains under negotiation.

General Information:

Five weeks from the initial enforcement of the National Animal Health Emergency System (DINESA, by its Spanish acronym) due to the AI outbreak in the State of Jalisco, SENASICA reported that, as of July 24, 2012, it had inspected 358 farms with 34 confirmed positive for HPAI. Out of the 358 farms located in the quarantined area, 125 farms were found to be negative and 199 are still pending the lab diagnostics. As a control measure a total of 4.9 million layer hens have been depopulated from farms that have tested positive. The disease has only been confirmed in layer hens according to official communication, but other sources indicate some broilers are also affected.

On July 23, 2012, SENASICA reported that officials have actively surveilled 16.5 million poultry. In addition, poultry farms in the at risk or affected area are under quarantine as a precautionary measure. Diagnostics are being carried out at 2 regional laboratories in El Salto and Zapotlanejo (State of Jalisco). A SENASICA mobile lab and the Mexico-US Commission for Foot and Mouth Disease (CPA) BSL 3 laboratory are being used to support the emergency effort.

Moreover, SENASICA reports that officials are continuing to enforce movement controls so as to prevent birds, carcasses, and manure from being transported into AI free areas. The agency has issued 3,078 zoo-sanitary certificates for poultry farms to move product that have been confirmed free of the virus to markets. SENASICA is reaffirming citizens that the virus does not pose a risk to the general public and that control measures are being applied to protect the poultry production in the area. However, the first human fatality linked to the outbreak, an egg collector, has been confirmed.

National TV news covered the delivering by SENASICA of the first batch of H7N3 vaccine, produced by the National Producer of Veterinary Biologics (PRONABIVE) in Mexico with the support of 3 private laboratories on July 26. Under the 1st phase of the vaccination program, 10 million doses of the vaccine will be distributed to Jalisco producers.

SENASICA continues providing DINESA reports to other domestic zoo-sanitary and sanitary authorities, the World Organizations for Animal Health, and trading partners while continuing to encourage Mexican producers to collaborate with the government.

Egg Trade Opportunity and HRZ Requirements Updated

Under NAFTA, U.S. eggs and egg products are afforded duty free entry to Mexico. Industry sources expect that Mexican firms will import table eggs and breaking eggs from the United States to supply domestic demand in areas located along the northern border region as well as to supplement contracted orders for overseas markets.

According to these industry sources, however, U.S. table eggs could expand beyond the northern border area and supply central Mexico, as well.

Historically, Jalisco layer farms supplied markets in several central and southern Mexican states. However, the States of Colima, Michoacán, Puebla, San Luis Potosí, Sinaloa, Nayarit, Zacatecas, Nuevo León, Aguascalientes, Guanajuato, Querétaro, Chihuahua and Yucatán have implemented measures to impede or restrict the entrance and distribution of poultry and egg products from Jalisco. Reportedly, imported eggs will not be subject to such restrictions and this presents an opportunity for U.S. products to complement the demand in these area markets.

For More Information

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