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Impact of Miyazaki HPAI Detection Remains Limited

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Report Highlights:

On January 24, 2017, Japan's Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) implemented quarantine restrictions on a Miyazaki broiler farm raising 170,000 birds in response to a detection of H5N6 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). While Miyazaki prefecture is the largest producer of broiler meat in Japan, the depopulated flock represents one tenth of one percent of the national flock. Barring further HPAI detections within the 10-kilometer radius restriction zone, quarantine restrictions should be lifted on February 17, 2017.

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General Information:

Japan's Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) placed a 170,000 bird broiler farm under quarantine restrictions on January 24, 2017, following confirmation of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). Depopulation was completed on January 25, and cleaning and disinfecting (C&D) were completed on January 26. MAFF will maintain active surveillance for further HPAI detections within a 10-kilometer radius of the farm for 10 days following completion of C&D. MAFF is restricting movement of birds within a 3-kilometer radius and implementing shipment controls on all poultry products from facilities within a 3 - 10-kilometer radius. Barring further detections within the respective zones, the shipment controls should be lifted on February 3, and all controls should be lifted on February 17, 2017.

With 473 farms raising 27.44 million birds, Miyazaki prefecture is Japan's largest producer of broiler meat, representing twenty percent of Japan's total broiler flock; Miyazaki is not a significant producer of layers. With six broiler farms within the 3-kilometer radius and an additional 140 farms (over half of which are broiler farms) within the 3 - 10-kilometer radius, a significant volume of Miyazaki's production is currently under quarantine restrictions. This is the second HPAI detection in Miyazaki, and the ninth detection in Japan, since November 2016.

Further information on Japan's HPAI detections in 2016 / 2017 can be found here: http://www.maff.go.jp/j/syouan/douei/tori/H28AI/schedule.pdf (Japanese only)