

# Re: How is the bird flu effecting the small chicken producer

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laurie (Mother Mastiff) wrote:

>> *I can really understand the concern -- BUT*  
>> *until [when] this virus mutates into the form that CAN go pandemic*  
>> *its only*  
>> *an theoretical problem*  
>  
> *It has done in the past.*

I know Laurie :~)))

– my mother was a specialist in public health :~))  
and I have been posting things on and off about it.  
That is why I said until [when] -- its going to happen and its very scary  
but there is no risk until then and then the risk is human to human not  
backyard chook in the US or UK to human

The avian flu you have in the US is the wrong strain – its not one that has  
mutated like that

So was this poster trying to stir up a hornets nest ?  
Very interesting that there has been NO response from the OP  
Troll – me thinks

The terrible international Influenza

> *epidemic of 1918 (which caused my mother to be born at home in the*  
> *US, the hospital was overflowing and the doctor told my grandmother*  
> *that she and the baby, if exposed, were at greater risk to die)*  
> *reportedly came from infected poultry.*

Yes – that is why they are all SO so scared  
But there are only certain strains that are close enough

> *A couple of times in recent years, there HAS been a species jump of*  
> *AI from fowl to humans and swine in Hong Kong. I remember the ProMed*  
> *reportage.*

Its happening every month in Asia at the moment

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- > *In this case, apparently drinking fresh duck blood is some rite of*
- > *spring or gourmet treat in Vietnam, and several recent reports of*
- > *affected people have noted that they drank raw duck's blood, and that*
- > *was the probable route of infection.*

Most of the cases are handling birds or handling patients who have got it  
– raising poultry is HUGE HUGE business over there  
Most of it is for export markets.

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- > *However, once an adaptable disease has jumped species and adapted to*
- > *a human host, it may also be transmissible from human to human.*

Yes -- but it is VITAL to remember and include that it is not the strains  
that hit the continental Europeans each year nor the ones that circulate  
around the United States seemingly endlessly – someone somewhere has it.  
While high welfare practises are important THESE birds are not suddenly  
going to pass flu to their owners.

The Asian strain is a different beast altogether.  
It is

- > *In Vietnam 1,500,000 birds have been seized and destroyed this year.*

Previous years it was many many millions across Asia

- > *Are some affected regions not depopulating?*

They have already tried that but cannot afford to do it again – it very  
much looks like they are trying to live with it and attempting to enforce  
some sort of biosecurity controls

This is almost worthless if you have a look at the way these birds are  
reared -- completely open to the elements and interaction with wild birds  
and people without precautions. Hundreds of thousands of birds in small  
spaces often kept over water so the droppings feed fish --

Biosecurity !!!!!!!

Its a joke but the economies cannot afford to cull again -- it cannot afford  
the compensation or loss of income

They are bringing out all sorts of herbal concoctions -- I heard of one of  
fermented something with ginger and garlic !!! which was reported the other  
day to have improved the health of chickens who were infected with the AI so  
was going to be tried on a large scale!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

WHY are these birds being allowed to live

Have the WHO completely lost thier grip on world health

Its too scary for words -- but having birds in your back garden is not

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- > *I'm thick from lack of sleep, could you please paraphrase that? Are*
- > *you saying that EU and USA companies have AI already? Or that they*

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> *are located where they are at risk?*

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No --- sorry

I am saying that while the EU and the US are making righteous noises about not importing meat from China so not putting thier public at risk, that China is not where most of the meat that is imported comes from.

Thailand and the other asian countries are where most of the EU and US companies are rearing much of their meat nowadays. It arrives in our countries as prepacked meals, or portions, so they say there is no risk. These countries may not be the place it started but they are HEAVILY involved and affected.

But heaven help any western company being affected economically -- no no that would not do!!! cynic me -- never :~)

> *Oh, I have a draft web page up now for my dark egggers, visit it if you have a chance!*

the sig stripper removed it so I am including it again for you  
[www.mothermastiff.com](http://www.mothermastiff.com)

Hope you get things sorted soonest :~)

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regards

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