

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

**Source:** <http://sci.tech-archive.net/Archive/sci.agriculture.poultry/2005-03/0272.html>

---

*hal\_at\_nospam.com*

**Date:** 03/16/05

Date: Wed, 16 Mar 2005 08:31:42 -0700

On Wed, 16 Mar 2005 09:57:30 -0000, "Jill."  
<news@REMOVETHISKintaline.co.uk> wrote:

>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*

No, actually, a legitimate concern (for me). I am planning my start into small flock raising and was concerned about the avian flu and what the buzz was in the fowl production market. I was wondering if there were going to be restrictions on shipping birds.

thanks for the great discussion. . .

Hal

>  
>*The terrible international Influenza*

sci.agriculture.poultry: Re: How is the bird flu effecting the small chicken producer

>> *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*  
>  
>> *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.*  
>  
>>  
>> *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 nad 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*

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

sci.agriculture.poultry: Re: How is the bird flu effecting the small chicken producer

>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!!!!!!!!!!!!1

>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

>

>>

>> 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  
>> are located where they are at risk?

>>

>

>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 eggers, 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 :~)