

Re: AI vaccination approved for EU

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PammyT wrote:

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PammyT wrote:

Perhaps there is some way small scale poultry keepers could
band
together and force the government to allow us to vaccinate
our
flocks since we do not export our birds and trade would not
therefore be affected?

Have you read Prof Pennington on the use of this vaccine?

no

There are various reports online. He is probably one of the worlds leading
microbiologists

He is also critical of the governments potential response once it gets here
so you cannot say he is a govt lackey

for instance

This stance was backed by one of Britain's leading microbiologists,
Professor Hugh Pennington, of Aberdeen University, who said: "Vaccination is
not the clear answer to the problem. You might have infection in vaccinated
birds which would go unnoticed because the birds are protected by the
vaccine. You might have a worse situation than if you hadn't vaccinated.

"And it might drive the evolution of the virus in ways we wouldn't like. It
might push it towards being a human virus. Who knows? There are
uncertainties about vaccination, which means it's not the clear front-runner
to control the virus."

The World Health Organisation said there was no sign of the virus mutating
into a strain that is capable of being passed from human to human, which

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could cause a global pandemic killing millions, but also issued a warning that the disease appeared to becoming more dangerous for chickens and mice.

It said: "Studies have shown that H5N1 viruses from the current outbreaks, when compared with viruses from 1997 and 2003, have become progressively more lethal in experimentally infected chickens and mice, and are also hardier."