

2 strains of H5N1?

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Hi you all

I found this very interesting report on another newsgroup i thought you people should know about.

If you have some time (large issue) you should read the provided link too.

greetings xinixx

Hello everyone,

I've been emailing a group of poultry experts around the world about the PoultryMarket Flu (which seems a more correct name for it). This thing clearly is a result of crowded poultry market conditions in areas

where poverty dictates that wasting food is worse than taking a chance on consuming infected poultry. Infected birds are brought to market even though obviously sick, are butchered, and sold to the public. The crowded conditions of the poultry market let the disease jump from one bird to hundreds. The infected birds are then taken back to the farms,

where they can infect more birds.

The only people getting sick are the poultry butchers who handle the blood of the infected birds. They go ahead and butcher even the obviously-sick birds, due to the ethic of not wasting any food. All the people who have died have been poultry butchers, with perhaps two dubiously-reported exceptions. This report comes from a very successful natural poultry producer in Southeast Asia whom I know well from years of Internet rapport.

According to Science News magazine (<http://www.sciencenews.org/articles/20050910/bob10.asp>) there are at least two strains of H5N1 -- one before 2002 and one appearing after 2002. How does anyone determine the difference by lab tests, I wonder?

The older strain, pre-2002, has been in wild birds for millions of

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years. But the newer strain of the same virus is very lethal to domestic poultry in Asia, while remaining non-lethal to its wild bird hosts. In other words, it can travel in wild birds and not make them sick, but if those birds connect with Marketplace poultry, the disease can become highly pathological. Or so the claim goes.

I don't think the mainstream media is aware of the distinction between the two strains of H5N1. They keep reporting that H5N1 has been found here, there and everywhere. Of course it will be found! It has been in wild birds for millions of years!!! Why don't they make a clear distinction between the highly pathological strain of H5N1, and the ancient, non-lethal strain? Or have I missed it??

Anyway, happy to find your group.

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