

Bird flu detected at a turkey farm in Israel

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The pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza has been detected at a turkey farm in central Israel, said the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

According to the official statement, the outbreak occurred in a coop of about 20,000 turkeys in the village of Beit Halevi located in the Hefer Valley.

In response, the ministry quarantined all coops located within the 10 km boundary of the outbreak site and began active monitoring of all chicken farms in the area.

The ministry called on the public to purchase only labelled and packaged eggs and suggested consumers well cook, bake, or fry eggs and chicken before eating.

In addition, poultry breeders were asked to keep birds indoors to prevent infection from wild birds.

Two previous bird flu outbreaks were detected at turkey farms in Israel last month. However, no epidemiological linkage was found between the three outbreaks.