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## Bird flu could lead to 'devastating depression'

AN outbreak of Asian bird flu in Siberia could cause a 1930s-style economic depression, financial analysts have warned.

The disease, which experts yesterday claimed was certain to hit the UK, could devastate the food, tourism, airline and insurance industries, according to a research report by two Canadian analysts.

The report claims the financial effect could exceed that of the 2003 Sars epidemic, estimated to have cost almost £10 billion.

### Web links

- [Dept of Health - pandemic flu](http://www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyAndGuidance/EmergencyPlanning/PandemicFlu/fs/en)  
<http://www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyAndGuidance/EmergencyPlanning/PandemicFlu/fs/en>
- [WHO - Bird Flu fact sheet](http://www.who.int/csr/don/2004_01_15/en/)  
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