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Bird flu found in 11 Crimean villages

Ukraine's health ministry confirmed yesterday that the deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu had been found in 11 Crimean villages and birds were dying in another 14 places. The strain was confirmed by Russian laboratory tests as being the same as the virus that has killed humans in Asia. Ukraine recorded its first case of bird flu on 4 December as some 2,500 birds died on the Black Sea peninsula.

The area affected is covered by wetlands near the Sea of Azov and is a popular resting place for migratory birds.

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