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Deadly bird flu 'cover-up' in China feared

BIRD flu killed more than five times as many birds as previously reported in China's west, an agriculture official has claimed, but he denied reports of human cases.

The official also confirmed reports that hundreds of cattle with foot-and-mouth disease have been slaughtered near Beijing.

The scarce information released about the twin disease outbreaks had fuelled concern about a possible cover-up, with rumours on websites that as many as 120 people had died.

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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