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## Japan orders massive cull in bird flu blitz

JAPAN will cull 110,000 free-range chickens suspected of having a mild form of bird flu, officials said today.

The birds will be killed at a farm in Ogawa in northern Japan's Ibaraki prefecture where many birds have been destroyed at dozens of other farms over the past few months following bird flu outbreaks involving the H5N2 virus - a mild strain which Japanese officials say has never infected humans.

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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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