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## Russia fears avian flu spreading to humans

A STRAIN of bird flu virus infecting Russian fowl is the type that can infect humans, the agriculture ministry said yesterday.

The virus caused the deaths of hundreds of birds in part of Siberia this month, but no human infections have been reported.

### Web links

- [Dept of Health - pandemic flu](#)

<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/](http://www.who.int/csr/don/2004_01_15/en/)

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