



Wyoming Reports First Human Bird Flu Case; Total Reaches 70 Across 13 States

Description

The avian influenza, commonly known as bird flu, is currently sweeping across the United States, leading to a scarcity of eggs and escalating prices at both grocery stores and dining establishments. Despite this widespread concern, the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) assures the public that the current health risk remains low.

Just recently, the [Wyoming Department of Health](#) confirmed its inaugural human case of the H5N1 strain. This latest development marks the third hospital admission owing to the virus in the country.

Meanwhile, Ohio reported another case, disclosed to [CBS News](#), involving a farmer who had contracted the virus, subsequently requiring hospitalization. Fortunately, this individual has been discharged, becoming the fourth such case nationwide.

According to the [CDC's website](#), there are now 70 confirmed human cases of bird flu spanning 13 states, including a fatality in Louisiana linked to the H5N1 virus. The tally escalated as Wyoming and Ohio reported new cases.

The wave of avian influenza has been wreaking havoc on animal populations as well, with poultry, wild birds, dairy cows, and even domestic cats falling prey. As stated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, nearly 23 million birds were impacted in January alone, and since February 2022, over 138 million birds have succumbed to H5N1.

In conclusion, although the bird flu continues to spread like wildfire, the CDC maintains that the general public's health risk is minimal. The affected states include Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Colorado, Texas, Louisiana, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, and Wyoming.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Influenza** /,ɪn.fluˈɛn.zə/ (noun): A viral infection that attacks the respiratory system.
2. **Scarcity** /ˈskær.sə.ti/ (noun): The state of being in short supply; shortage.
3. **Escalating** /ˈɛs.kə.leɪ.tɪŋ/ (verb): Increasing rapidly; growing or intensifying.
4. **Confirmed** /kənˈfɜːrmd/ (verb): Established the truth or correctness of something.
5. **Prey** /preɪ/ (verb): To hunt or kill for food.
6. **Fatality** /fəˈtæl.i.ti/ (noun): An event resulting in death.



Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Which organization assures the public that the current health risk of bird flu remains low?
Option: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Option: Wyoming Department of Health
Option: CBS News
Option: U.S. Department of Agriculture
2. How many confirmed human cases of bird flu are there across 13 states?
Option: 50
Option: 70
Option: 100
Option: 120
3. Which state reported its inaugural human case of the H5N1 strain?
Option: Wyoming
Option: Ohio
Option: California
Option: Louisiana
4. How many birds have succumbed to the H5N1 virus since February 2022?
Option: 10 million
Option: 50 million
Option: 100 million
Option: 138 million
5. Which type of animals have fallen prey to the avian influenza?
Option: Poultry, wild birds, and domestic dogs
Option: Pigs, goats, and horses
Option: Dolphins, penguins, and rabbits
Option: Poultry, wild birds, and dairy cows
6. Which state has not been affected by the bird flu according to the text?
Option: Michigan



- Option: Ohio
- Option: Texas
- Option: Colorado

True-False

- 7. The CDC states that the general public's health risk due to bird flu is high.
- 8. Ohio reported its second human case of bird flu, causing concern nationwide.
- 9. Over 100 million birds were impacted by the H5N1 virus in January alone.
- 10. The U.S. Department of Agriculture confirmed cases of bird flu in domestic cats.
- 11. The recent fatality linked to the H5N1 virus occurred in Nevada.
- 12. The avian influenza has only affected wild bird populations.

Gap-Fill

- 13. According to the CDC's website, there are now _____ confirmed human cases of bird flu spanning 13 states.
- 14. The wave of avian influenza has wreaked havoc on animal populations, with over _____ million birds succumbing to H5N1 since February 2022.
- 15. The affected states listed in the conclusion include Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Colorado, Texas, Louisiana, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, and _____.
- 16. The Wyoming Department of Health confirmed its inaugural human case of the H5N1 strain, marking the _____ hospital admission owing to the virus in the country.
- 17. The CDC maintains that the general public's health risk due to bird flu is _____.
- 18. The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported that _____ million birds were impacted



by the avian influenza in January alone.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2. 70 3. Wyoming 4. 138 million 5. Poultry, wild birds, and dairy cows 6. Michigan

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. 70 14. 138 15. Wyoming 16. third 17. minimal 18. 23

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