

# Dutch cull 215,000 chickens after bird flu detected

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Dutch health workers have culled some 215,000 chickens after an outbreak of a highly-contagious strain of bird flu was detected on a farm in the country's southeast, agricultural authorities said Thursday.

"Bird flu was detected at a poultry farm specialising in battery hens," at Puiflijk, about 20 kilometres (12.5 miles) northwest of the Dutch city of Nijmegen, the Agriculture Ministry said.

"It is most likely a highly contagious pathogen of the H5 variety," it added in a statement.

Around 100,000 hens were culled at the farm as well as 115,000 other chickens on a nearby farm.

Authorities have thrown a one-kilometre cordon around the farms and imposed a 10-kilometre ban on the transport of poultry products including meat, eggs and manure.

In late October health workers culled 35,700 [birds](#) on a third [farm](#) near Puiflijk after [bird flu](#) was detected there.

Dutch Agriculture Minister Carola Schouten on October 23 imposed preventative indoor containment on all commercial [poultry farms](#) after two dead swans were discovered carrying the highly contagious H5N8 variety of bird flu.

The new measures come as the Netherlands also battle a second wave of COVID-19 which continued to infect around 7,600 people a day.

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