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# Inter-agency Wild Bird Avian Influenza Survey Update

A report of samples collected and tested as of June 12, 2022.

PLEASE NOTE: The data displayed in the following report are the most recent AIV **PRELIMINARY** test results provided to the CWHC by participating program partners unless otherwise stated. All survey numbers are displayed for the current calendar year.

## **DEAD BIRD SURVEY 2022**

Number of birds tested and number matrix PCR positive\* since January 1, 2022

	May 30- June 12, 2022		Year to Date					
Region	Tested	Matrix Positive*	Tested	Matrix Positive*	H5 Positive*	H7 Positive*	HPAI**	
British Columbia	0	0	164	34	34	0	1	
Alberta	28	13	257	139	134	0	0	
Saskatchewan	63	10	414	204	150	0	8	
Manitoba	0	0	87	66	62	0	6	
Ontario	42	0	396	93	91	0	13	
Quebec	81	46	344	149	149	0	13	
New Brunswick	60	34	262	65	65	0	16	
Nova Scotia	26	8	609	56	46	0	22	
Prince Edward Island	31	20	220	63	63	0	28	
Newfoundland &								
Labrador	16	1	132	26	25	0	18	
Yukon Territory	22	2	27	2	2	0	2	
Northwest Territories	8	0	41	0	0	0	0	
Nunavut	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	377	134	2953	873	659	0	127	

<sup>\*</sup> Matrix positive includes all birds that tested 'not negative' by PCR for one or more Influenza A viruses. The number of positive test results included both those birds that tested POSITIVE (Ct value less than 36) and those that had an INCONCLUSIVE test result (Ct value greater than or equal to 36).

Any samples found to be matrix POSITIVE or INCONCLUSIVE are then tested by PCR for H5 and H7 strains at the regional level. Any samples that are then found to be either H5 or H7 POSITIVE or INCONCLUSIVE are immediately sent to the NCFAD for confirmation and identification. Authorities from the province or region where the bird was sampled will be notified when preliminary H5 or H7 positive results are found at the regional lab. When the CFIA confirms and identifies the virus, authorities from across the country will be notified. This update reports all POSITIVE or INCONCLUSIVE **PRELIMINARY** matrix results unless otherwise stated.

<sup>\*\*</sup>The CFIA has confirmed the presence of High Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), subtype H5N1.



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# **LIVE BIRD SURVEY 2022**

Number of live birds tested and number matrix, H5 and H7 PCR positive\* since January 1, 2022

	Tested	Matrix Positive*	H5 Positive*	H7 Positive*	HPAI**
British Columbia	0	0	0	0	0
Alberta	0	0	0	0	0
Saskatchewan	20	0	0	0	0
Manitoba	0	0	0	0	0
Ontario	101	0	0	0	0
Quebec	258	7	0	0	0
New Brunswick	0	0	0	0	0
Nova Scotia	100	54	70	0	29
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0	0
Newfoundland & Labrador	68	10	9	0	2
Yukon Territory	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Territories	0	0	0	0	0
Nunavut	0	0	0	0	0
Total	547	71	79	0	31

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This information as well as historical data are available on the CWHC AIV portal at: <a href="http://www.cwhc-rcsf.ca/avian\_influenza\_testing\_results.php">http://www.cwhc-rcsf.ca/avian\_influenza\_testing\_results.php</a>

### **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

Tested - The number of birds that were screened for avian influenza virus by real time reverse transcriptase PCR (RRT-PCR) for the M1 gene.

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H5 positive - The number of birds that tested positive for the H5 virus subtype by RT-PCR.

H7 positive - The number of birds that tested positive for the H7 virus subtype by RT-PCR.

HPAI - Confirmed at the CFIA NCFAD laboratory to be positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza through virus isolation or sequencing.

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