



Department of Livestock Development

DLD is confident that Thailand is free from bird flu, order to strictly monitor in all areas throughout the country.

Dr. Sorraavis Thaneto, Director-General of the Department of Livestock Development (DLD), said that according to Dr. Chalermchai Sri-on, Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, has an urgent order to the DLD to strictly monitor the avian influenza serotype H5N6 after the People's Republic of China found the number of infections in humans has been rising since 2014, with 49 cases and 25 deaths. The DLD has urgent order to the Provincial Livestock Officers (PLO) and District Livestock Officers (DLO) to strictly implemented measurements to slow down imports, exports or through the kingdom of Thailand from countries where have reported the high pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) to prevent the disease distribution into Thailand. DLD also asked PLO and DLO to visit the farmers and report the poultry health situation every day. In addition, PLO and DLO have been ordered to collect the samples for analysis and monitor the avian influenza across the country.

Recently, the DG ordered to the officers from the Bureau of Disease Control and Veterinary Service (BDCVS) with a team to follow up on the project. "Passive surveillance for avian influenza in wild birds in wetland areas" by coordinating with local teams, the officers from animal health development group from Nakhon Sawan Provincial Livestock Office, officers from non-Hunting area at the Bung Boraphet in Nakhon Sawan Province and staff from Bueng Boraphet Wildlife Research Station. They work together to survey and study on the migratory routes of birds in the wetlands of Bung Boraphet. They collected the samples of birds in non-hunting area of Bung Boraphet in Nakhon Sawan province for avian influenza analysis by swab test technique.

The DG of the DLD added that because of the strict implementation of surveillance of poultry health along the border in all provinces and districts throughout the country continuously, ensuring that Thailand has been free from avian influenza in both human and animal for more than 10 years. And poultry farms throughout the country have been implemented the biosecurity systems. The cleaning and disinfection in house and surrounding areas are carried out at least once a week. There are farm veterinarians to supervise and strictly control the biosecurity and farm management. All vehicles that access to and out of the farm is sprayed by disinfectant on all vehicles. In case of disease notification, DLD local officers will visit area to inspect and take action according to disease control measurements. They also cooperate with the domestic agencies such as the Ministry of Public Health, the Department of National Park, Wildlife and Plant Conservation, as well as the international agencies as the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE).

Due to the rapidly changing weather conditions, poultry is difficult to adapt and may affect to make poultry health. Therefore requesting cooperates from farmers to closely observe poultry symptoms. If poultry is found to have symptoms or death abnormally, immediately notify to the livestock officers or livestock volunteer in the area immediately to expedite investigations and provide urgent assistance. For more information, please contact Bureau of Disease Control and Veterinary Service, the Department of Livestock Development or Hotline Call 063-225-6888 or notify via Application: DLD 4.0.

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