

Avian Influenza Outbreak

Premises near Frodsham, Cheshire

Avian influenza (HPAI) of the H5N8 strain was [confirmed at a premises near Frodsham in Cheshire](#) which rears broiler breeder chickens on 2 November 2020. On 3 November, further testing confirmed this to be a high pathogenicity strain (HPAI H5N8). A 3km Protection Zone and a 10km Surveillance Zone have been put in place around the infected premises to limit the risk of the disease spreading. Public Health England (PHE) advises that the risk to public health from the virus is very low and the Food Standards Agency advises that avian influenzas pose a very low food safety risk for UK consumers. Properly cooked poultry and poultry products, including eggs, are safe to eat.

Further details can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu#movement-controls-and-licences>

<https://www.yourwestcheshire.co.uk/NewsArticle/%7B47F01839-50B6-4CEF-B60F-714BA53281EC%7D>