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Report Highlights:

With spring migration nearing an end, there have been no reported outbreaks of avian influenza in Poland during the last 12 months. Local officials continue to closely monitor the situation, which includes ongoing testing for the disease.

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For the last 12 months there has not been an outbreak of avian influenza (AI) detected in Poland. According to the Polish Veterinary Service (PVS), there is a minimal risk of an AI outbreak this spring, since the spring migration of birds is almost over. Ornithologists expect spring migration will last until the end of May. Spring migration is less intensive than the fall migration, since birds are flying longer distances without landing. The last outbreak of AI in Poland occurred in April 2006 (See GAIN PL6023).

Despite this good news, the PVS continues to monitor for AI, both in dead birds and in the feces of wild birds. According to Poland's Chief Veterinary Officer, in 2006, officials collected 12,000 samples for testing from laying hens, turkeys and wild birds, both living and dead. None tested positive. Monitoring is more intense in regions considered at high risk for AI. These regions are located along main rivers, the coastline and the lake areas in Northeastern and Western Poland.

The National Veterinary Institute in Pulawy is responsible for all AI testing. In July 2006, the agriculture minister issued a regulation governing actions to be taken in the event of an AI outbreak. In addition, the PVS issued special instructions for county veterinarians and police forces. The Ministry of Agriculture continues to maintain a special AI task force and an emergency reaction center from which it would coordinate its response to an AI outbreak. According to the Polish CVO, there is no system of cooperation within the EU for responding to an AI outbreak. There is, however, a system for quickly sharing information between CVOs in member states.