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Croatia Confirms 2nd Case of H5N1 Avian Influenza in Dead Swans

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Report Highlights:

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Since last month, the Croatian Poultry Center of the Veterinary Institute has tested 2,270 birds for avian influenza. Of those tests, two sets of samples from dead swans found at the fish-breeding farms of Grudnjak and Ribnjak have tested positive for H5N1.