



Inter-agency Wild Bird Avian Influenza Survey Update

A report of samples collected and tested as of October 9th, 2020

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

DEAD BIRD SURVEY 2020

Number of birds tested and number matrix PCR positive* since January 1, 2020

Region	September 21st–October 9th, 2020		Year to Date	
	Tested	Matrix Positive*	Tested	Matrix Positive*
British Columbia	0	0	141	0
Alberta	9	1	129	3
Saskatchewan	0	0	65	2
Manitoba	0	0	0	0
Ontario	1	0	27	0
Quebec	5	0	18	0
New Brunswick	0	0	8	0
Nova Scotia	0	0	7	0
Prince Edward Island	0	0	17	0
Newfoundland	0	0	0	0
Yukon Territory	0	0	0	0
Northwest Territories	0	0	0	0
Nunavut	0	0	0	0
Total	15	1	412	5

*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 matrix results, but does not report whether or not these samples were found to be H5 or H7 positive. This information as well as maps and historical data are available on the CWHC AIV portal at:

http://www.cwhc-rcsf.ca/surveillance_data_aiv.php



LIVE BIRD SURVEY 2020

Number of live birds tested and number matrix, H5 and H7 PCR positive* since January 1, 2020

	Tested	Matrix Positive*	H5 Positive*	H7 Positive*
British Columbia ¹	0	0	0	0
Alberta	0	0	0	0
Saskatchewan	278	42	0	0
Manitoba	0	0	0	0
Ontario	0	0	0	0
Quebec	0	0	0	0
New Brunswick	0	0	0	0
Nova Scotia	0	0	0	0
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
Newfoundland	0	0	0	0
Yukon Territory	0	0	0	0
Northwest Territories	0	0	0	0
Nunavut	0	0	0	0
Total	278	42	0	0

¹ The samples from BC include birds that were live trapped as well as hunter-killed specimens

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