



## Avian Flu: Myths and Realities

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### **From the New Jersey Dept. of Agriculture:**

<http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/avianinfluenza.htm>

Outbreaks in Asia have resulted in the death and depopulation of millions of birds and morbidity and mortality in people with direct contact with infected birds. Scientists are concerned about the potential for the virus to acquire human influenza genes and develop the ability to transmit from human to human. Therefore, it is important to control the spread of avian influenza.

### **From the World Health Organization: Human Deaths and Reported Cases**

[http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian\\_influenza/country/cases\\_table\\_2006\\_12\\_27/en/index.htm](http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian_influenza/country/cases_table_2006_12_27/en/index.htm)

The World Health Organization reports that as of December 27, 2006 there are 157 reported human deaths attributed to the avian flu. The overall amount of cases reported is 261. The mortality rate is over 50%. The highest number of reported deaths was Indonesia (57) and Vietnam (42).

### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – What you should know about Avian Flu**

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/avian/>

### **U.S. Government avian and pandemic flu information**

<http://www.pandemicflu.gov/index.html>

### **World Health Organization (WHO)**

[http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian\\_influenza/en/](http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian_influenza/en/)

*WHO is coordinating the global response to human cases of H5N1 avian influenza and monitoring the corresponding threat of an influenza pandemic. Information on this page tracks the evolving situation and provides access to both technical guidelines and information useful for the general public.*

**New York Times Avian Flu Coverage**

<http://topics.nytimes.com/top/news/health/diseasesconditionsandhealthtopics/avianinfluenza/index.html?inline=nyt-classifier>

**Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) – Overview from WebMD**

<http://www.webmd.com/cold-and-flu/tc/Avian-Influenza-Bird-Flu-Overview>

**A guide to bird flu and its symptoms from BBC Health.**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/health/conditions/birdflu1.shtml>