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Report Highlights:

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General Information:

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On March 9, Bhutan reported its tenth outbreak to the OIE ([see March 9, 2012, OIE notification](#)). The outbreak occurred in a backyard poultry flock in the Burkey area of Chhukha district. One bird was reported dead and 131 birds were destroyed. Chhukha district has experienced more HPAI findings than any other Bhutanese district.

The government of Bhutan is taking measures to contain spread of avian influenza. These include quarantine, movement control, clean-up and disinfection of the contaminated premises, and culling. Please refer to Bhutan's "National Influenza Pandemic Preparedness Plan" and Bhutan's "Policy Guidelines for the Management of Compensation Fund in the Event of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) Outbreak" (See GAIN IN 2029) for more information on Bhutan's standard operating procedures in the event of an HPAI outbreak.

Table 1. Bhutan: Culling Statistics as of April 20, 2012

	Outbreak reported in	Birds Susceptible	Birds reported dead	Birds culled
1	Backyard poultry, Tsimasham Chhukha	2,010	87	1,923
2	Backyard poultry, Chang Gedaphu, Thimpu	270	38	232
3	Backyard poultry, Mebesa Chhukha	2,010	103	1,907
4	Backyard poultry, Bunagu, Chhukha	123	35	88
5	Backyard poultry, Dala, Chhukha	136	8	128
6	Backyard poultry, Kamji, Chhukha	96	8	88
7	Backyard poultry, Maybari, Chhukha	290	3	287
8	Backyard poultry, Wangdigashel, Chhukha	652	12	632
9	Backyard poultry, Gedu, Chhukha	231	5	226
10	Backyard scavenging poultry, Burkey, Chhukha	1050	1	131
11	Backyard free ranging chicken, Yangbari, Mongar	265	70	NA
	Total	7,133	370	5,642

Source: [April 20, 2012 OIE Report](#)

