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Report Highlights:

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General Information:

On June 17, 2013, the Government of India's Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries [notified the World Organization for Animal Health](#) (OIE) of country freedom from highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). The declaration follows India's only reported HPAI outbreak of 2013, which occurred on March 11 on a government poultry farm in Bihar state's Purnea district. In response to the outbreak, measures to control and eradicate the disease were taken as outlined in India's "[Action Plan of Animal Husbandry for Preparedness, Control and Containment of Avian Influenza](#)." The 2013 outbreak summary is given in Table 1.

Table 1: India: HPAI Outbreak Summary as of June 19, 2013

	Location of Outbreak	Birds Susceptible	Birds reported dead	Birds culled
1	Government Poultry Farm, Lanka Tola, Madhubani, Purnea District	7000	338	6662