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**Report Highlights:**

On December 1, the Government of Japan announced that highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) had been detected in Miyazaki prefecture, making it the fourth prefecture with an HPAI detection this season. Miyazaki prefecture is the largest broiler producing region accounting for 20 percent of Japan's broiler flock. There have been 14 cases for HPAI detected in Japan since November 4, resulting in the cull of 1.9 million birds.

**General Information:**

On December 1, Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (MAFF) confirmed a detection of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in two broiler operations in Miyazaki prefecture. The operations were located in the neighboring municipalities of Hyuga city and Tsuno town. 70,000 birds were culled as a result. Miyazaki prefecture is the largest producing region for broiler meat in Japan with an estimated 28 million broilers accounting for 20 percent of the national flock. Miyazaki accounts for only two percent of the layer flock.

The Miyazaki detections bring the total number of HPAI detections this season to 14 across four prefectures. The first detection occurred in Kagawa prefecture on November 4 in a layer operation (see [JA2020-0185](#)). As of December 2, Kagawa prefecture had detected nine additional cases resulting in a total cull of 1,493,000 layers and 95,000 broilers.

On November 25, HPAI was detected in Fukuoka prefecture in a broiler operation in Munakata city, resulting in the cull of 94,000 birds. Fukuoka prefecture accounts for two percent of the national layer flock and one percent of broiler flock. On the same day, HPAI was detected in Hyogo prefecture in a layer operation on Awaji island resulting in the cull of 146,000 birds. Hyogo prefecture accounts for three percent of the national layer flock and two percent of broilers in Japan. FAS/Tokyo estimates that the total cull number due to the current HPAI outbreak has reached 1.9 million head (259,000 head for broilers and 1,639,000 head for layers).

In 2019, Japan's total chicken population was estimated at 323 million (138 million broilers, 185 million layers). Domestic production accounted for around 62 percent of Japan's chicken supply with the remaining 38 percent comprised of imports primarily from Brazil and Thailand.

For more details on Japan's poultry market, see the FAS/Tokyo [Poultry and Products Annual Report](#).

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.