



Avian Influenza International Update

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Nabarro - Key points

- Exponential spread in last 6 months
- Long term problem – no simple solution
- Both an animal and public health concern
- Need to strengthen animal health systems
 - Biosecurity
 - Movement restrictions and culling
 - Laboratory, Surveillance, Monitoring
 - Targeted use of vaccination

Nabarro - AI is a global threat with local roots

- Necessary to assure poultry meat industry without sacrificing backyard birds (the poor)
- Influence investments outside US
- Support OIE and FAO roles
 - Standards development and implementation
 - Enhancement of veterinary services
- Need full partnership: government & industry



Nabarro – challenge to NIAA

- Sustain animal health investments within US
- Continue to prepare for potential pandemic
 - Coordinate with human health counterparts
- Public needs to know what's going on...
 - Never conceal things
 - If public doesn't have confidence in food supply
 - Markets fall apart
 - Poultry meat and egg consumption drops
 - People get confused (and afraid)