

Third wave of bird flu claims new victim

Avian influenza has claimed the life of a 37-year-old woman in Indonesia, while South Korea has confirmed its first human case – subsequently recovered – late last year. There are also fears that the disease may have re-appeared in Japanese poultry for the first time since 2004

2003

2004

2005

2006

First wave: Outbreaks in many parts of Asia. Strain jumps to humans – of 117 people who become infected, 64 die

Second wave: Starts at China's Qinghai Lake in May 2005. Virus spreads to Europe, Africa and Middle East, killing over 90 people

Third wave: New "Fujian-like" strain surfaces in China, Laos, Malaysia and Vietnam

Total human death toll: 159

Total human cases: 264

Infected areas 2006

Jan-Jun Jul-Jan

