

# Germany closes 4,700 farms in dioxin scare

Eggs from German farms – found to contain up to five times the legal EU limit for dioxin – have been distributed in the Netherlands and UK, fuelling fears that contamination could spread to other EU member-states



**Nov-Dec, Uetersen:** Dioxin-contaminated fats – by-product of biofuel production – used to manufacture 527 tonnes of chicken and pig feed

**Dec 3, Netherlands:** 136,000 eggs turned into nine tonnes of processed foodstuff

**Dec 12, UK:** 86,000 tainted eggs exported to Britain.

Dioxins can cause miscarriages, liver damage and cancer in humans

Sources: European Commission, World Poultry.net

