# Bird flu threatens EU poultry industry

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#### **FRANCE**

Annual industry turnover (euros): 6 billion

Total poultry: 275 million

Meat production:

1.9 million tonnes Exports: 740.000 tonnes

Egg production: 15bn

Sales down 15-20%. exports down 20-30%

### ITALY

Turnover\*: 3.5 billion

Total poultry: 126m Meat: 1.1m tonnes

Exports\*: 125,753 tonnes

Sales down 70% -30.000 workers laid off

#### **SPAIN**

Turnover: 1.67 billion Total poultry: 130m

Meat: 1.35m tonnes

Exports: 85,000 tonnes

Sales down 50%

## **GERMANY**

Turnover: 1.1 billion (2.0bn including eggs)

Total poultry: 122m

Meat: 1.2m tonnes

Sales down 10-15%

The European Union is debating whether to allow the vaccination of poultry to prevent

domestic poultry flock and threatening an

industry worth 20bn euros a vear

H5N1 from infecting the EU's 1.7-billion-strong

H5N1 found in EU:

1. France. 2. Germany. 3. Slovakia. 4. Austria.

5. Slovenia. 6. Italy.

7. Hungary, 8. Greece

H5N1

present

SPAIN

EU-25 annual meat production: 11 million tonnes Exports: 1m tonnes Export value\*: 5.63bn euros

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### **UNITED KINGDOM** Total poultry: 167 million

Meat: 1.6m tonnes

Exports: 275,000 tonnes

Export value: £247m

**NETHERLANDS** 

Total poultry: 90 million Meat: 0.6 tonnes

**NETHERLANDS** 

Exports: 300,000 tonnes

Export value\*\*: 1.6bn

\*2004 figure \*\*including eggs and live birds © GRAPHIC NEWS