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Title:	Bird flu outbreak in Kerala: Tamil Nadu poultry farmers take precautionary measures Chennai News			
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Poultry farmers in Tamil Nadu, especially farmers in Namakkal district, have taken precautionary measures following the outbreak of avian influenza in Kerala. Kerala's Animal Husbandry Department reported on Monday that thousands of ducks in Alappuzha, Kottayam and Pathanamthitta districts have died of avian influenza. Although there is no outbreak of avian influenza in Tamil Nadu, poultry farmers have taken preventive measures throughout the state.

"We can vaccinate cats without problems." But after the outbreak of avian influenza in Kerala, we tightened biosecurity on all farms, "said P. Nallathambi, president of the Tamil Nadu Farmers Association for Poultry.

According to the biosecurity method, all persons working on poultry farms should wear special clothing and spray their medicine (a mixture of antiviral drug and salt). Similarly, people coming from other business locations should wash their hands and feet in the medicine before entering the farm.

"We use the same method for vehicles transporting chickens. All the wheels of vehicles should be sprayed with this medicine, "he said.

Some poultry farmers were concerned that the outbreak of avian influenza would

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affect egg exports. However, the resources of the National Egg Coordination Committee (NECC) have alleviated concerns that egg exports will not be affected. "Countries like Oman, Afghanistan and Algeria are still importing eggs from India, although the World Organization for Animal Health has classified India as a country affected by avian influenza," NECC TOI leaders said on condition of anonymity. (brandsToTranslate) Chennai News

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