

ISSUES ARISING FROM BACKYARD POULTRY OWNERSHIP

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MAIN ISSUES OF CONCERN

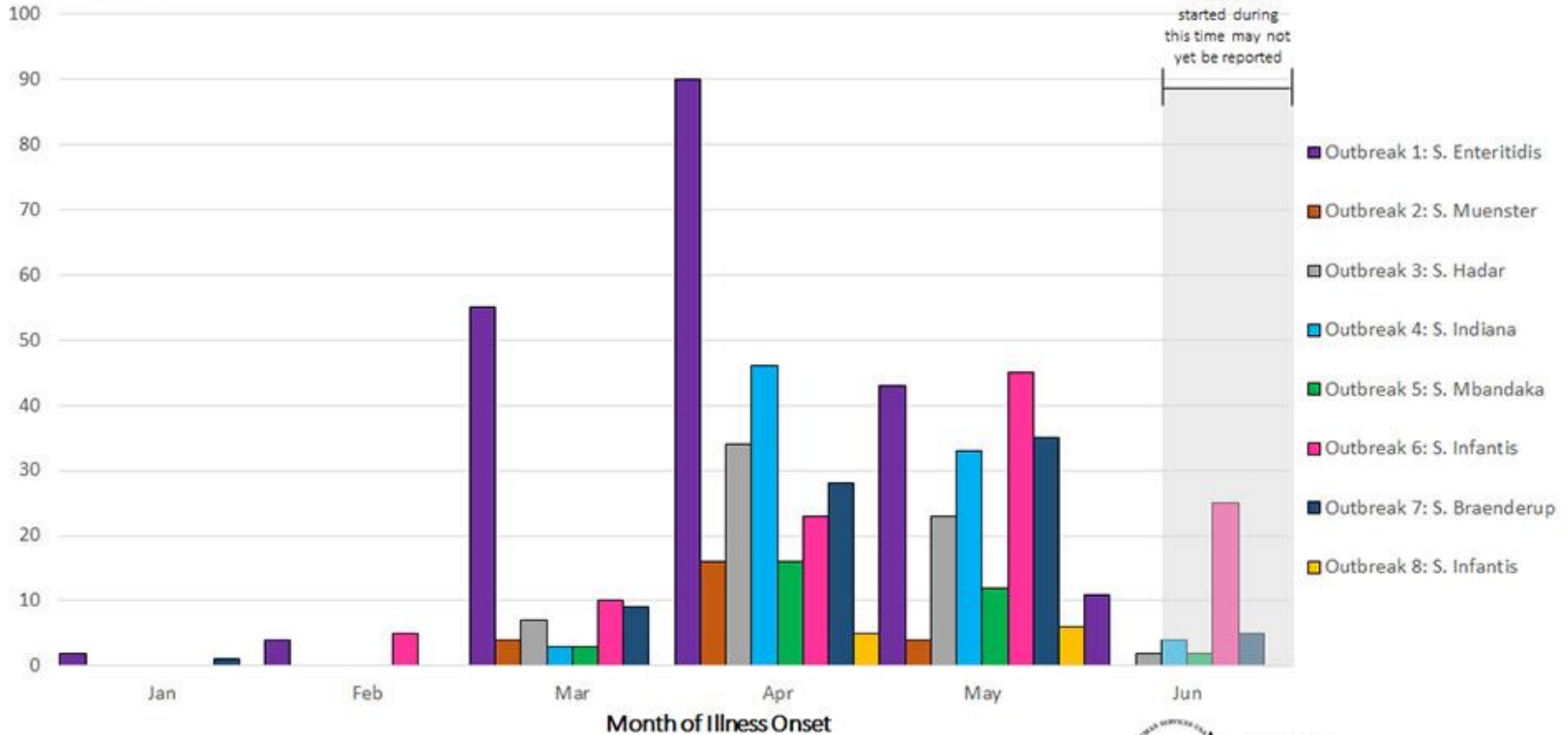
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HEALTH CONCERNS

- SALMONELLA
 - 8 multi-state outbreaks of salmonellosis
 - States: 45
 - Case Count: 611
 - 32% were children under 5 years of age
 - Hospitalizations: 138
 - Deaths: 1

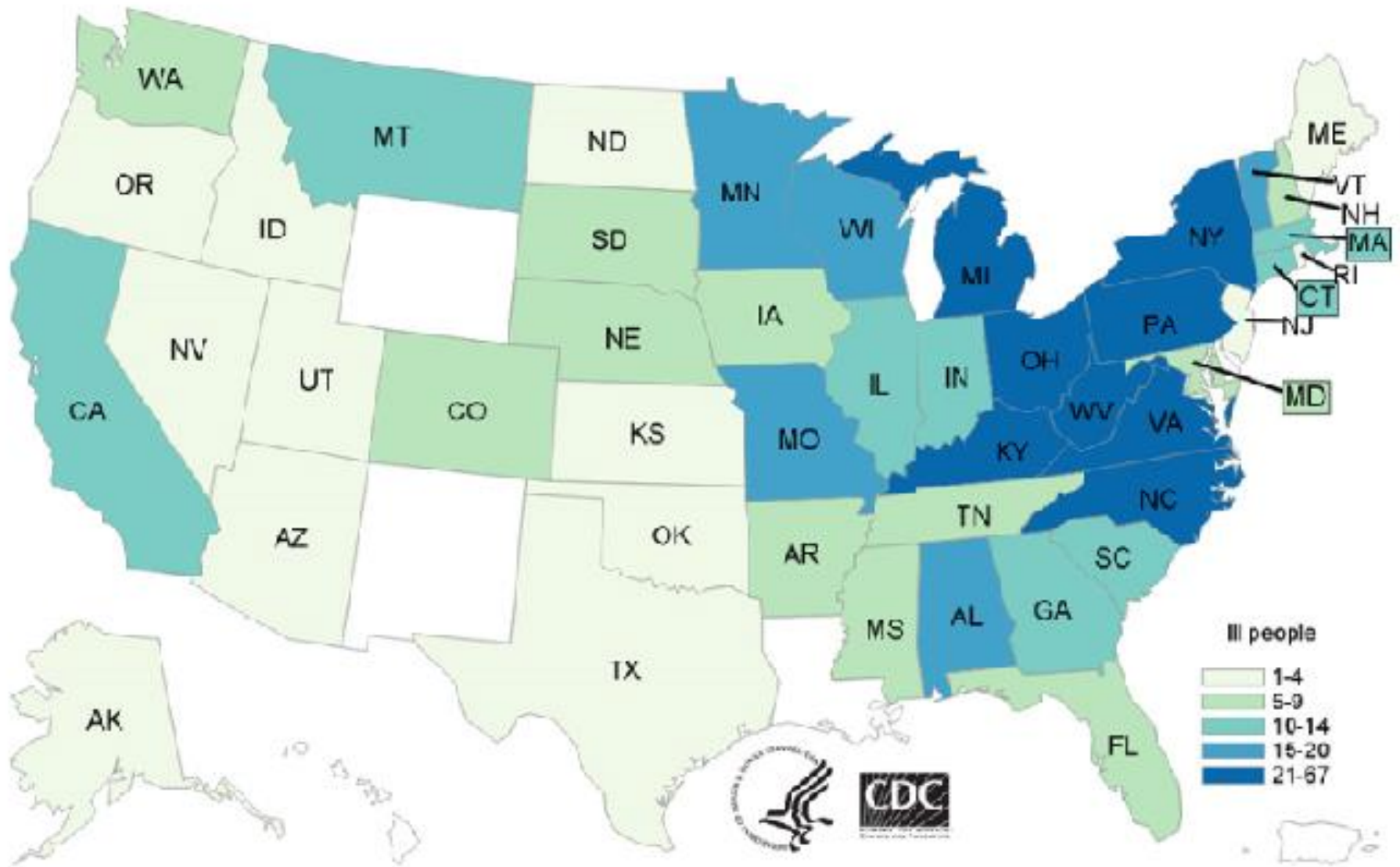
INFECTIONS

Number of People



<http://www.cdc.gov/salmonella/live-poultry-05-16/epi.html>

People infected with the outbreak strains of *Salmonella*, by state of residence, as of July 14, 2016 (n=611)



<http://www.cdc.gov/salmonella/live-poultry-05-16/map.html>

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SOURCE OF OUTBREAKS

- Epidemiologic, trace back and laboratory findings have linked the outbreaks to contact with live poultry
 - From multiple hatcheries
- Regardless of where they are purchased, ALL live poultry can carry Salmonella bacteria, even if they look healthy and clean

SYMPTOMS

- Symptoms occur within 12-72 hours
 - Diarrhea
 - Fever
 - Abdominal cramps
- Lasts 4-7 days
- Most recover without treatment
 - BUT Severe diarrhea may result in bacteria getting to blood stream

PREVENTION

- Wash hands with soap and water after touching
 - Live poultry
 - Anything in the area where poultry live
 - Handling clothes and shoes that have touched live poultry
- Adults should supervise hand washing for young children

PREVENTION

- Do NOT let live poultry inside the house, in bathrooms or in areas where food or drink is prepared, stored or served
- Do NOT eat or drink in the area where the birds live or roam

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Backyard chickens dumped at shelters when hipsters can't cope, critics say

by JONEL ALECCIA

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Hipster Farmers Abandoning Backyard Chickens by the Hundreds



Susie Coston, national shelter director at the Farm Sanctuary based in Watkins Glen, N.Y., is holding Becky, a pet hen, as former backyard birds wander nearby. About 250 abandoned backyard birds are waiting for homes at the shelter's three sites on both coasts. [Niko Kallianiotis](#)

PREVENTION

- Backyard poultry workshops
 - For those interested in keeping poultry
 - Pros and Cons

RESOURCES

- www.smallflocks.com
- www.extension.org/poultry
- www.facebook.com/poultryextension

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