

## Fipronil – overview of the blocked farms (15/08/2017)

In the framework of the fipronil case, a number of businesses were blocked preventively, and samples were taken.

Laying hens farms as well as other breeding and reproduction farms were blocked and sampled. Absolute priority was given to egg-producing farms that sell eggs directly to the consumer. In total, 86 poultry farms were blocked preventively, 48 of which are laying hens farms. At this time, on 15/08/2017, 21 of these farms are still blocked, among which 15 laying hens farms.

During the monitoring of the laying hens farms which had not been suspected based on the investigation of the public prosecutor's office, fipronil was found at low concentrations in 7 farms. These farms have been blocked immediately and the eggs coming from these farms have been withdrawn from the market and destroyed.

This means that, in total, 28 farms are blocked at the moment.

As a reminder, the farms where fipronil has been detected in eggs can only resume their activity if the FASFC is sure that there is no problem for the food chain. Once the businesses concerned are able to prove, based on their analyses, that fipronil has not been detected in their "new" eggs, the FASFC will come and take an official sample for analysis. The eggs cannot be put back on the market until the FASFC has carried out its own analyses and confirmed that the presence of fipronil was no longer detected.