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**Chickens Spread Latest Deadly Bird Flu**

4 Unknown Words:

**Avian** – relating to birds

**Epidemic** – a widespread outbreak of an infection disease that makes many people sick

**Influenza** – highly contagious viral infection of the respiratory passages causing fever and severe aching

**Strain** – organisms that belong to the same species that share small but definable characteristics

3 Sentence Summary:

This article was about the reoccurring H7N9 that has been spreading on and off since 2013 through China. Since the spring of 2013 one thousand and ninety four people have become infected by the virus, and one hundred forty have died from it. It has been discovered that 3% of market chickens carry the virus; however, it is very hard to pinpoint which are carrier because it does not make the chickens sick when they have it.

2 Interesting Facts:

* It has been recommended that China close all poultry markets to solve the problem
* The virus cannot pass from person to person, but it is thought that if it progresses even more that it may eventually be able to

1 Personal Connection:

After reading this article I worry that if China does not take the safety measures needed in order to stop this epidemic soon that it could spread to other countries.