Preventive vaccination is currently France's preferred strategy. The vaccination campaign will be rolled out in accordance with the provisions of delegated regulation (EU) 2023/361 and WOAH recommendations.

The three criteria defined for the vaccination strategy are the following: target species, geographical scope and time period.

- **Target species:** only ducks (Muscovy, Mulard, Pekin) will be targeted by the vaccination strategy given the particular role played by this species in the dynamic of the epizootic in France.

- **Geographical scope:** the vaccination strategy has been extended to the whole of Metropolitan France (with the exception of Corsica).

- **Period:** The present vaccination programme will be implemented beginning on 1 October 2023 for a period of one year.

**NUMBER OF BIRDS**

The estimated number of birds to be vaccinated is approximately 64 million ducks in a year.

**FARMS**

The number of farms to be covered by vaccination is estimated at 2,700.

The duck farms, their locations and their density in each French territorial *département* are shown on the following map.
Numbers of farms holding ducks per territorial département

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