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Summary: In the past two weeks, health officials have detected H5N1 in cows from 16 herds across six states — a number that is likely to increase as US surveillance is stepped up. Researchers have previously documented sporadic infections of cows with flu viruses closely related to H5N1, but no widespread outbreaks had been detected until now. One dairy worker in Texas has been infected, but the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that the person is recovering. The virus infecting the worker is closely related to the strains found in dairy cattle in Texas, with one notable distinction: the worker's variant has a mutation that is linked to more efficient spread in mammals.

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