KFC has a problem in Britain: not enough chicken

Notes & Cues: Article: In Britain, KFC has added a twist to the perennial riddle, "Why did the chicken cross the road?" "The chicken crossed the road," the fast-food chain said on its website. "Just not to our restaurants." The company found itself in the throes of a widespread chicken shortage, after a hiccup in its supply chain forced half of its 900 stores in Britain to close. KFC switched its delivery contract last week to DHL, which blamed "operational issues" for the disruption. The irony of KFC, of all places, struggling to provide chicken was not lost on its customers. "How can you be out of the one thing you are known for selling?!?" wrote Aurie Styla, a comedian from London, on Twitter. Others were simply baffled that a global chain could find itself in such a predicament. "If you're going to run a franchise of this size, you would expect them not to run out of chicken, " a customer said shaking his head as he ate what was probably one of the shop's last wings. The disappointment reached even the corridors of power — Neil Coyle, a lawmaker representing a district of South London, tweeted that he had been contacted by constituents about their neighborhood KFCs. "And the police found themselves caught in the middle, " he said. **Summary:**