

## Changes in Inspection Results for Rice (Incl. Inspection of All Rice Bags)

inspection period	Number of samples <sup>1</sup>	Number of samples exceeding the standard limit	Percentage of samples exceeding the standard limit
Harvested in ~2011	26,464	592	2.2%
Harvested in 2012	Approx. 10.37 million	84	0.0008%
Harvested in 2013	Approx. 11.04 million	28	0.0003%
Harvested in 2014	Approx. 11.02 million	2	0.00002%
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Harvested in 2023 (As of January 9)	Approx. 0.08 million	0	0%

1: For rice harvested in FY2020 onward, inspection of all rice bags has been replaced with random monitoring by stages, and the number of samples decreased.

\* Coverage: 17 prefectures including the Tokyo Metropolis designated as inspection targets in the "Concepts of Inspection Planning and Establishment and Cancellation of Items and Areas to which Restriction of Distribution and/or Consumption of Foods Concerned Applies," which compiles basic approaches concerning radioactive materials in foods

Prepared based on the "Inspection Results Concerning Radioactive Cesium Concentrations in Agricultural Products" by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and the "Information about the Food Test" by the Fukushima Association for Securing Safety of Agricultural Products

The production and distribution of rice are managed through measures to inhibit radioactive cesium absorption by the use of potassic fertilizer (p.71 of Vol. 2, "Measures for Reducing Transfer of Radioactive Materials to Crops (2/5) - Measures to Inhibit Radioactive Cesium Absorption through Potassic Fertilization -") and inspection of all bags of harvested rice. In Fukushima Prefecture, planting has been restricted and measures to inhibit radioactive cesium absorption have been taken at Areas under Evacuation Orders, etc. and distribution of rice has been strictly controlled through inspection of all rice bags since FY2012. However, for rice harvested in FY2020 onward, inspection of all rice bags is replaced with random monitoring, except for rice harvested in former Areas under Evacuation Orders, etc.<sup>1</sup>, and the number of samples decreased significantly (p.77 of Vol. 2, "Radioactivity Inspection of All Rice Bags by Fukushima Prefecture").

Rice containing radioactive cesium at a level exceeding the standard limit decreased year by year, and there has been none since FY2015 (as of the end of December 2023). This standard limit refers to 100 Bq/kg, which has been applied since April 2012 (in FY2011, provisional regulation values were applied, but tabulation is based on the current standard for the purpose of comparison with the results in and after 2012).

1. Former Areas under Evacuation Orders, etc.: Tamura City, Minamisoma City, Hirono Town, Naraha Town, Tomioka Town, Kawauchi Village, Okuma Town, Futaba Town, Namie Town, Katsurao Village, Iitate Village, and Kawamata Town (former Yamakiya Village)

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