

Feed for livestock is controlled to reduce radionuclides contained therein as low as possible.

■ Reference values for radioactive cesium concentrations in feed

Feed for cattle and horses: 100 Bg/kg

Feed for pigs: 80 Bq/kg Feed for chickens: 160 Bq/kg Feed for cultured fish: 40 Bq/kg

Since April 2011, inspection results for raw milk have all been below the standard limit of 50 Bq/kg. Regarding beef and pork meat, radioactive cesium concentrations exceeding the standard limit of 100 Bq/kg have not been detected since FY2013. Regarding chicken meat and eggs, radioactive cesium concentrations exceeding the standard limit have never been detected. Incidentally, these standard limits are those 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).

Raw milk is inspected for each cooler station, while beef is inspected covering all relevant farm households once every three months or so since FY2018 in Iwate, Miyagi, Fukushima, and Tochigi Prefectures.

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