

Ensuring safety through
(i) thorough feeding management in line
with the new standard limits,
(ii) testing of radioactive cesium, and
(iii) restriction of distribution according to
testing results

Prepared based on the "Responses at Farmland" by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)

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Measures for reducing radionuclides in livestock products include (i) thorough feeding management, such as feeding livestock with safe feed, (ii) testing of radioactive cesium before shipment, and (iii) restriction of distribution according to testing results. Through these measures, safety of livestock products has been ensured.

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The reference values for radioactive cesium in feed were established in order to prevent distribution of any livestock products with radioactive cesium concentrations exceeding the standard limits (100 Bq/kg for general foods and 50 Bq/kg for milk).

	Reference value (Bq/kg)
Cattle	100
Pigs	80
Chickens	160
(Cultured fish	40)

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The reference values were established for feed by using radioactive cesium concentration as an indicator so that radioactive concentrations of livestock products would not exceed the standard limits.

Also for feed for cultured fish, the reference value was established in the same manner.

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1. Thorough implementation of feeding management, including feeding forage (grass, hay, etc.) whose radiation levels are below the reference values

and

2. Promotion of decontamination measures including inversion tillage in pastures where production of grass whose radiation levels are below the reference values is difficult



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On farms, thorough implementation of feeding management, including feeding forage whose radiation levels are below the reference values is ensured.

In pastures, efforts to produce forage crops whose radiation levels are below the reference values by decontamination measures, including inversion tillage, are making progress (p.68 of Vol. 2, "Measures for Reducing Transfer of Radioactive Materials to Crops (1/5) - Decontamination of Farmland -").

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(i) Beef

Four prefectures (Iwate, Miyagi, Fukushima, and Tochigi) inspect beef once every three months or so for each farm household. However, for farm households whose proper feeding management was confirmed by relevant local governments, inspections are conducted once every 12 months or so.

However, inspections may be omitted for cattle (i) being fed by farm households where radioactive cesium has not been detected at levels exceeding half of the standard limits for the last three years, (ii) being fed only with imported feed or feed produced in fields other than those subject to voluntary suspension of distribution and use of feed, and (iii) for which the relevant prefectural government confirms that measures are being taken to prevent use of any feed produced in fields subject to voluntary suspension of distribution and use of feed and finds that inspections are not necessary.

(ii) Milk

Inspections are conducted periodically by Fukushima Prefecture.

This does not apply to cooler stations, etc. (i) in areas where feeding management is confirmed to be appropriate, (ii) where what is handled is only raw milk produced in areas whose distribution restrictions were lifted more than three years ago, and (iii) where inspection results for the latest three years are all below half of the standard limits.

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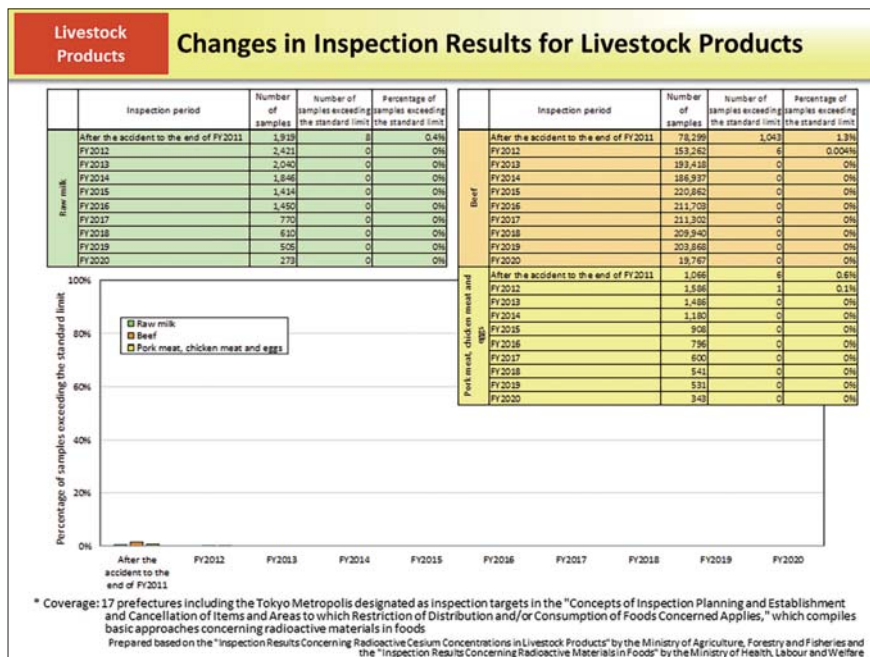
For beef, four prefectures (Iwate, Miyagi, Fukushima, and Tochigi) conduct inspections covering all relevant farm households. However, inspections are not required for farm households for which the relevant local government confirms that measures are being taken to prevent use of any feed produced in fields subject to voluntary suspension of distribution and use of feed or otherwise feeding management is being implemented appropriately.

Additionally, raw milk is also inspected periodically by Fukushima Prefecture.

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Changes in Inspection Results for Livestock Products



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 Bq/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).

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