

# Implementation Status and Results of Food Inspections (Pre-shipping and during circulation)

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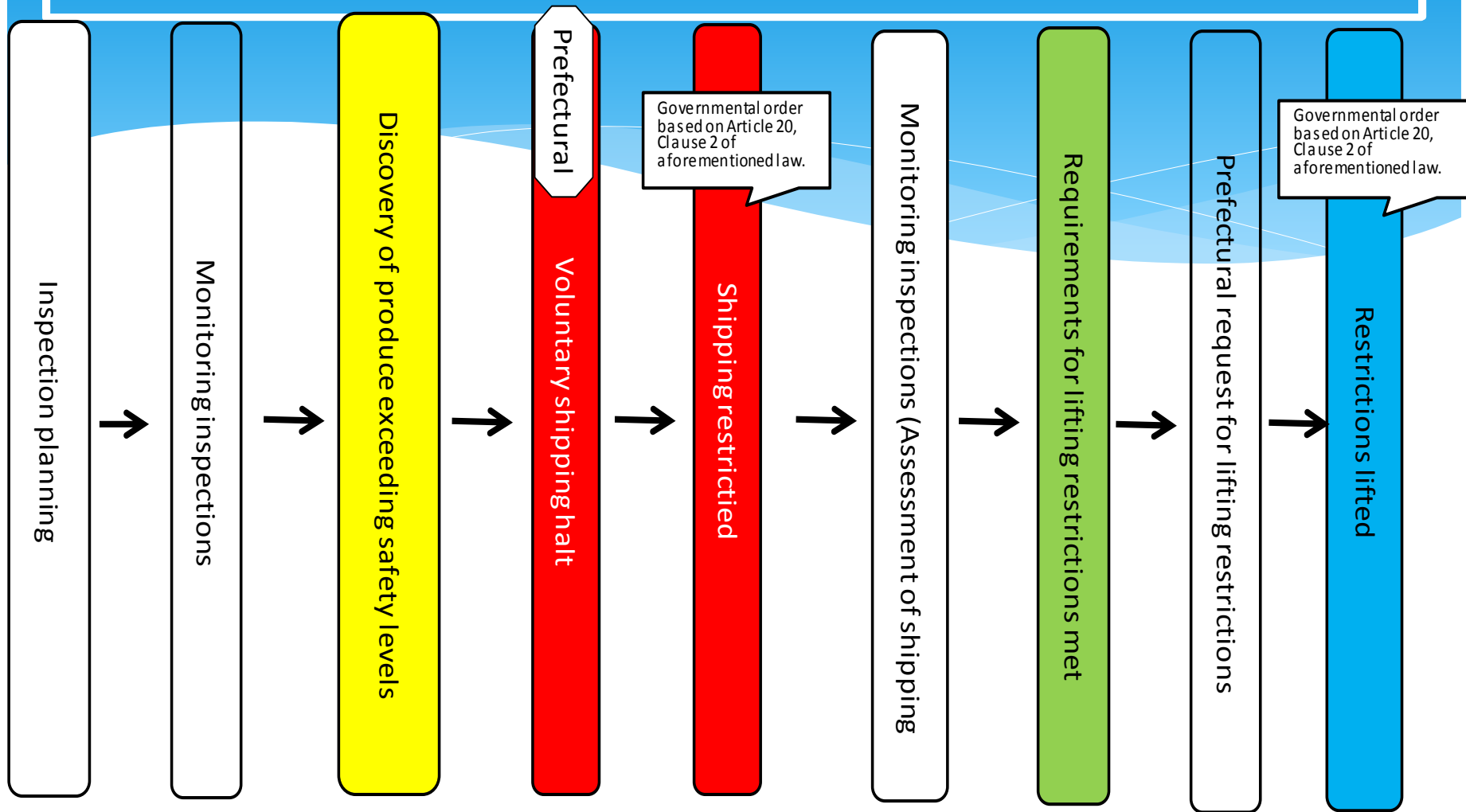
# Safety limits of radioactive cesium in food

Japan		(Bq/kg)
Food in general		100
Milk		50
Baby foods		50
Drinking water		10

# Monitoring of agricultural, forestry and fishery products in times of emergency

- \* Fukushima Prefecture has implemented measures according to guidelines of the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters established on the basis of the Act on Special Measures Concerning Nuclear Emergency Preparedness.
- \* Shipping restrictions prohibiting distribution are implemented generally by prefecture or district, or by municipality if possible, if produce exceeding safety limits is discovered.
- \* Generally at least three items of a product are inspected per municipality (at least one in some circumstances).
- \* Fundamental food products and products consumed in large quantities are inspected with higher frequency.
- \* Inspection frequency is increased based on earlier measurement results.
- \* Measurements are performed with a germanium semiconductor detector.
- \* Measurement results are reported and publicized without delay.
- \* Shipping restrictions are enforced with shipping management surveys.

# From monitoring to lifting of restrictions



Based on "Concepts of Inspection Planning and the Establishment and Cancellation of Items and Areas to which Restriction of Distribution and/or Consumption of Foods concerned Applies" (Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters, March 30 2015)

# Post-disaster efforts



Bark washing

Tree trunk washing



# Post-disaster efforts (reverse tillage)

## Reverse tillage



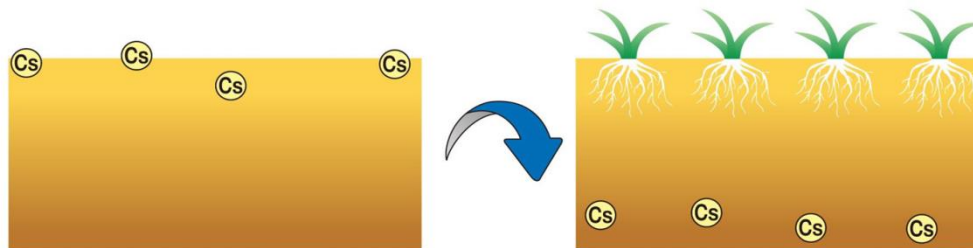
Characteristics of radioactive cesium



Soil particles adsorb radioactive cesium, concentrating most of it within five centimeters from the surface

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Reverse tillage

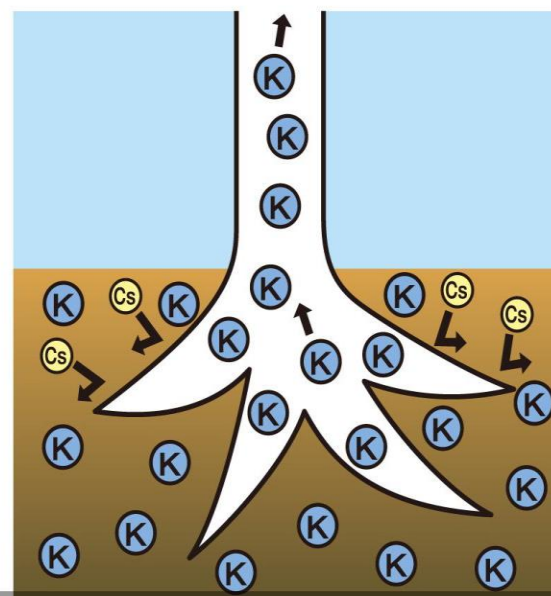
Soil is flipped around, and replacing top soil with soil from deeper layers

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# Post-disaster efforts (blocking cesium absorption)



Spraying absorption inhibitor  
(potassium fertilizer)



Potassium fertilizer

(K) Potassium  
(Cs) Cesium

Saturating soil with potassium reduces the  
absorption of cesium

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# Monitoring inspection progress

- \* March 16, 2011: Monitoring begins, measurements are conducted by the Japan Chemical Analysis Center in Chiba
- \* June 20, 2011: Four germanium semiconductor analyzers are installed and begin operation at the Fukushima Agricultural Technology Center
- \* July 11, 2011: The “Implementation policy for emergency environmental radiation monitoring of agricultural, forestry and fishery products” is established
- \* September 1, 2011: Analysis division is established at the Fukushima Agricultural Technology Center, and six additional germanium semiconductor analyzers are installed
- \* April, 2012: Provisional safety level values of the Food Sanitation Act are replaced with new safety limits
- \* March, 2016: One additional germanium semiconductor analyzer is installed at the Fukushima Agricultural Technology Center, for a total of 11 devices.

# Fukushima Prefectural Framework for Emergency Monitoring Inspections of Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery Products

## Setting and lifting restrictions

National (Ministry of Health,  
Labour and Welfare)

## Off-site center Centralized information management

(Center for emergency response measures  
required by the Act on Special Measures  
Concerning Nuclear Emergency  
Preparedness)

## Overall management

### Environmental Conservation & Agriculture Section

Planning & Coordination  
Notifications & publicity

### Food Sanitation Section

Agriculture,  
Forestry and  
Fisheries  
Department,  
Internal Relations  
Section

## Analysis & aggregation

### Agricultural Technology Center

Grains, vegetables, fruit, animal  
products, mushrooms, wild  
vegetables, seafood etc.

### Health institute

Processed foods etc.

## Sample gathering and management

Prefectural

# Flow of monitoring inspections

If possible



1. Transportation to  
Fukushima Agricultural  
Technology Center



2. Pre-inspection check



3. Cutting into small  
pieces



4. Packaging



5. Measurement with germanium semiconductor detector



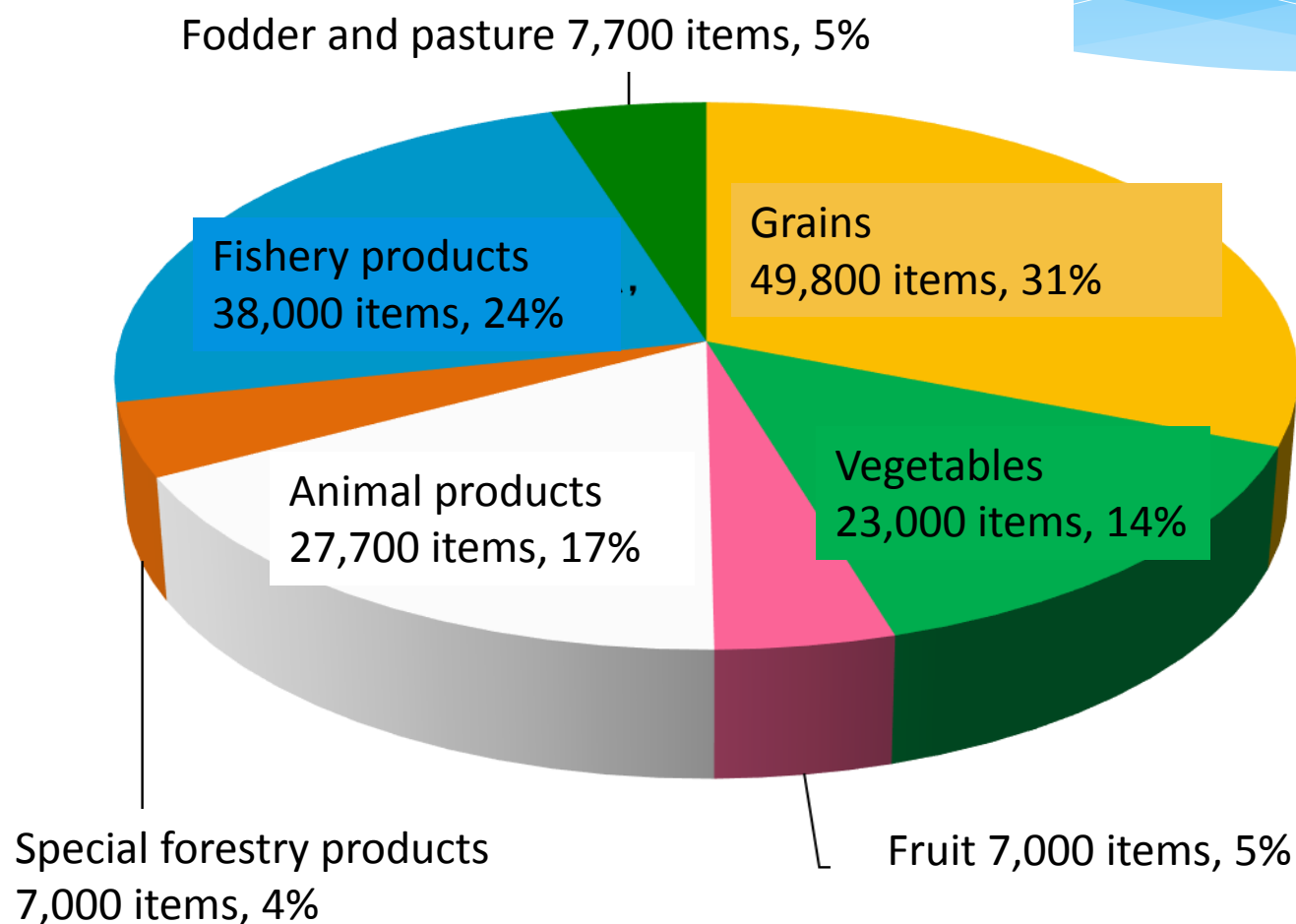
# Inspected products and items

Year	No. of products	No. of items	Unsafe items (Percentage of total)
2011	542	19,971	681 (3.41%) *
2012	509	61,531	1,106 (1.80%)
2013	469	28,770	419 (1.46%)
2014	488	26,041	113 (0.43%)
2015	496	23,855	18 (0.08%)
Total	—	160,168	—

\* Items were deemed unsafe in 2011 based on the Provisional safety level values of the Food Sanitation Act (items over 500Bq/kg).

# Inspected products (March 2011 – March 2016)

○ Approx. 700 products    ○ Approx. 160,000 items analyzed



# Monitoring inspection outline (1)

Category	Product	Area	Sample collection	Frequency	Handling of unsafe items
Grains	Rice	Old municipalities (as of February 1, 1950)	Reception of shipment	Items exceeding screening level in total inspection	Quarantine and disposal of unsafe items
	Soybeans	Municipalities in principle.		At least three items per area (some areas excluded)	Regional shipping restrictions
	Buckwheat noodles	In some areas, Old municipalities (as of April 1, 1949)		At least one item per area (some areas excluded)	
	Azuki beans				
	Wheat	Municipalities		At least one shipment unit per area	Restrictions of shipments containing unsafe items
Vegetables etc.	Vegetables/fruit	Municipalities	Before shipping to first stage of shipping	At least three items per area in principle (more than one item for some products/areas)	Shipping restrictions on all products of the same type produced in the same area
Mushrooms/wild vegetables etc.	Wild vegetables	Municipalities	When harvested	At least three items per area in principle (more than one item for some wild vegetable products/areas)	Shipping restrictions on all Products of the same type produced in the same area
	Wild mushrooms				
	Cultivated bracken		Before shipping	At least one item per field in principle (at least three items per producer in acquitted areas)	
	Cultivated mushrooms			At least once a week per producer	

# Monitoring inspection outline (2)

Category	Product	Area	Sample collection	Frequency	Handling of unsafe items
Animal products	Beef	Municipalities	Slaughter	All cows	Shipping restrictions on unsafe items
	Pork	Municipalities		At least twice a month	Shipping restrictions on all products of the same type produced in the same area
	Chicken	Municipalities		At least twice a month	
	Horse and other meat	Municipalities		According to shipment plan	
	Raw milk	Municipalities (CS units)	Milking	At least once a week per CS unit when milking	Restrictions on are of the CS unit
	Eggs	Prefectural (packaging centers)	Reception of shipment	At least once a month	Shipping restrictions on all items produced in the same area
	Honey	Municipalities	Before shipping	At least one item per municipality	Shipping restrictions on all items produced in the same area
Fishery products	Fishery produce	Bodies of water	Before and during fishing season	At least once a week	Shipping restrictions on all items produced in the same area
	Inland fishery produce	Rivers, lakes			
Fodder	Perennial pasture Annual forage Rice WCS Rice straws etc.	Municipalities or farms	Harvest	At every harvest	Usage restrictions

# Monitoring inspection results (2016)

**Monitoring status of agricultural, forestry and fishery products in Fukushima Prefecture**

April 1 – September 30 2016  
(Unpolished rice August 24 – October 24 2016)

Category	No. of inspections	No. of unsafe items	Percentage of unsafe items
Unpolished rice (2016)	Approx. 5.5. million	0	0.00%
Vegetables/fruit	2,534	0	0.00%
Animal products	2,174	0	0.00%
Cultivated mushrooms	341	0	0.00%
Fishery produce (sea)	4,214	0	0.00%
Fishery produce (inland)	492	1	0.20%
Wild vegetables/mushrooms	1,015	2	0.20%

# Inspection of all produced rice



1. Bag of unpolished rice is brought to testing location



2. The bag is placed on a conveyor belt leading to the measurement device



3. Results are screened, if the values are under the safety limit the rice passes



4. Inspection Passed label is attached and the rice shipped



5. Results are visible online

<https://fukumegu.org/ok/kome/>



6. Only rice that passes the inspection is polished for consumption


# Distribution of information and countering rumors (Transparency) ①

## Prompt publication of prefectural monitoring inspection results

<http://www.new-fukushima.jp/>

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# Distribution of information and countering rumors (Transparency) ②

Prompt publication of voluntary inspections at production areas

<https://fukumegu.org/ok/contents/>

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