

Levels of radioactive contaminants in foods (data reported on 23 March 2011)

Note: This data sheet compiles individual test results shown in corresponding press release written in Japanese, available at

http://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/houdou_bukyoku/iyaku.html

	Press release date	Food origin		Sampling date	Food tested	Level of radioactive contaminants in food (expressed as radionuclide levels (Bq/kg)).		
		Prefecture	Area			Iodine-131	Cesium-134	Cesium-137
1	23-Mar-11	Ibaraki	Chikusei-shi	22-Mar-11	beef			ND
2	23-Mar-11	Ibaraki	Shirosato-machi	22-Mar-11	beef			ND
3	23-Mar-11	Ibaraki	Namegata-shi	22-Mar-11	pork			ND
4	23-Mar-11	Ibaraki	Hokota-shi	22-Mar-11	pork			ND
5	23-Mar-11	Ibaraki	Ishioka-shi	22-Mar-11	chicken			ND
6	23-Mar-11	Ibaraki	Mito-shi	22-Mar-11	chicken			ND
7	23-Mar-11	Ibaraki	Jvousou-shi	22-Mar-11	chicken			ND
8	23-Mar-11	Gunma	Maebashi-shi	Not known	raw milk	39		ND
9	23-Mar-11	Gunma	Takasaki-shi	Not known	raw milk	40		ND
10	23-Mar-11	Saitama	Kumagaya-shi	22-Mar-11	raw milk	27	1.8	1.8
11	23-Mar-11	Saitama	Fukaya-shi	22-Mar-11	raw milk	28	2.1	2.0
12	23-Mar-11	Nigata	Not known	22-Mar-11	komatsuna	ND		ND
13	23-Mar-11	Nigata	Not known	22-Mar-11	komatsuna	ND		ND
14	23-Mar-11	Nigata	Not known	22-Mar-11	qing-geng-cai	ND		ND
15	23-Mar-11	Nigata	Not known	22-Mar-11	strawberry	ND		ND
16	23-Mar-11	Ibaraki	Not known	22-Mar-11	chinese cabbage	12		ND
17	23-Mar-11	Chiba	Not known	22-Mar-11	field mustard	250		ND
18	23-Mar-11	Saitama	Not known	22-Mar-11	leek	ND		ND
19	23-Mar-11	Tochigi	Not known	22-Mar-11	strawberry	100	11	12
20	23-Mar-11	Ibaraki	Not known	23-Mar-11	mizuna	3,400	280	280
21	23-Mar-11	Ibaraki	Not known	23-Mar-11	chinese cabbage	11	1.3	1.6
22	23-Mar-11	Ibaraki	Not known	23-Mar-11	qing-geng-cai	220	17	17
23	23-Mar-11	Gunma	Not known	23-Mar-11	leek	46	2.8	3.3
24	23-Mar-11	Tochigi	Takanezawa-machi	23-Mar-11	strawberry	60.0		6.74
25	23-Mar-11	Tochigi	Mooka-shi	23-Mar-11	strawberry	59.5		7.28
26	23-Mar-11	Tochigi	Tochigi-shi	23-Mar-11	strawberry	68.7		13.03
27	23-Mar-11	Tochigi	Nasushiobara-shi	23-Mar-11	tomato	6.60		1.36
28	23-Mar-11	Tochigi	Kaminokawa-machi	23-Mar-11	tomato	15.0		3.32
29	23-Mar-11	Tochigi	Oyama-shi	23-Mar-11	tomato	16.0		4.96
30	23-Mar-11	Tochigi	Otawara-shi	23-Mar-11	chives	331		67.5
31	23-Mar-11	Tochigi	Kanuma-shi	23-Mar-11	chives	523		25.6
32	23-Mar-11	Tochigi	Tochigi-shi	23-Mar-11	chives	511		52.0
33	23-Mar-11	Gunma	Ota-shi	23-Mar-11	spinach	973		113.5
34	23-Mar-11	Gunma	Numata-shi	23-Mar-11	spinach	414		44.8

35	23-Mar-11	Gunma	Maebashi-shi	23-Mar-11	komatsuna	170		54.7
36	23-Mar-11	Gunma	Tatebayashi-shi	23-Mar-11	garland chrysanthemum	1,040		115.9
37	23-Mar-11	Gunma	Shibukawa-shi	23-Mar-11	chives	54.3		13.32
38	23-Mar-11	Gunma	Kanra-machi	23-Mar-11	chives	150		18.76
39	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Fukushima-shi		raw milk	88	ND	8.2
40	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Koriyama-shi		raw milk	39	9.9	ND
41	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Iwaki-shi		raw milk	390	ND	ND
42	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Shirakawa-shi		raw milk	16	ND	ND
43	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Sukagawa-shi		raw milk	13	ND	ND
44	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Kitakata-shi		raw milk	25	ND	ND
45	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Soma-shi		raw milk	500	32	27
46	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Nihonmatsu-shi		raw milk	73	11	11
47	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Tamura-shi		raw milk	77	ND	ND
48	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Date-shi		raw milk	200	7.6	9.6
49	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Motomiya-shi		raw milk	30	9.2	5.6
50	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Kunimi-sho		raw milk	140	8.3	5.6
51	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Kawamata-sho		raw milk	2,690	24	30
52	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Otama-mura		raw milk	90	ND	ND
53	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Kagamiishi-machi		raw milk	61	ND	ND
54	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Minamiaizu-machi		raw milk	6.7	ND	ND
55	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Shimogo-machi		raw milk	13	ND	ND
56	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Banda-machi		raw milk	10	ND	ND
57	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Inawashiro-cho		raw milk	7.9	ND	ND
58	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Azumisato-cho		raw milk	ND	ND	ND
59	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Mishima-cho		raw milk	6.1	ND	ND
60	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Saigo-mura		raw milk	87	5.8	4.7
61	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Izumizaki-mura		raw milk	56	ND	ND
62	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Nakajima-mura		raw milk	60	ND	ND
63	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Yabuki-machi		raw milk	42	ND	ND
64	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Yamatsuri-machi		raw milk	61	ND	ND
65	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Hanawa-cho		raw milk	29	ND	ND
66	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Samekawa-mura		raw milk	43	ND	ND
67	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Ishikawa-mura		raw milk	22	ND	ND
68	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Hirata-mura		raw milk	33	ND	ND
69	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Asakawa-cho		raw milk	24	ND	ND
70	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Hurudono-machi		raw milk	18	ND	ND
71	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Miharu-cho		raw milk	38	ND	ND
72	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Ono-cho		raw milk	28	ND	ND
73	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Sinchi-machi		raw milk	39	7.2	6.5
74	23-Mar-11	Fukushima	Iidate-mura		raw milk	2,000	25	28

* levels in gray-highlight exceed action levels set by the MHLW for withdrawal from markets

Press Release (This is provisional translation. Please refer to the original text written in Japanese.)

23 March 2011

Policy Planning and Communication Division,
Inspection and Safety Division,
Department of Food Safety

To Press and those whom may concern,

Monitoring of Radioactive Contaminants for Agricultural and Livestock Products
(in relation to the accident at Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant)

Given the recent issuance of the Instructions by name of Prime Minister Mr Naoto Kan, who is Director-General of the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters, addressed to Governors of Fukushima, Ibaraki, Tochigi and Gun-ma Prefectures ordering to restrict distribution of foods concerned produced in these prefectures, in accordance with the Act on Special Measures Concerning Nuclear Emergency Preparedness (Act No. 156, 1999), Director General of the Food Safety Department of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) has issued an Notice (No. 0323-1, as presented in Annex) as of today 23 March 2011 asking the Governors of the following neighboring Prefectures: Miyagi; Yamagata; Saitama; Chiba; Niigata; and Nagano to extend monitoring tests for agricultural and livestock products in the respective prefectures.

In the Notice above, it has been informed that relevant National Institutes/Laboratories will test their samples if the prefectures concerned have difficulty in testing their food samples due to lack of capacity and laboratory equipment.

(Annex)

Notice (No.0323-1, on 23 March 2011)

From Director General, Food Safety Department of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW)
To Governors of Miyagi, Yamagata, Saitama, Chiba, Niigata and Nagano.

Request for Enhancing Monitoring Test of Radioactive Contaminants in Agricultural and Livestock Products

With regard to food monitoring test for radionuclide, associated with the accident at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant occurred on 11 March 2011, MHLW has already set provisional regulation values (action levels) for withdrawal from market based on Food Sanitation Act, with a view to ensuring safety of foods.

Following the action above, 44 food samples, among 185 food samples in total tested by 21 March 2011, were found to be contaminated with radionuclide exceeding the action levels. Given these test results, as of 21 March 2011, Prime Minister Mr Naoto Kan, who is Director-General of the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters, has already issued the Instruction (as in the attachment) addressed to respective Governors of the four Prefectures: Fukushima, Ibaraki, Tochigi and Gun-ma, ordering restrictive measures put in place not to distribute foods concerned, in accordance with the Act on Special Measures Concerning Nuclear Emergency Preparedness (Act No. 156, 1999).

In this juncture, as it is deemed necessary to extend monitoring test for agriculture and livestock foods produced in other six neighboring Prefectures concerned, this Notice is to request for enhancement of monitoring test in the said six Prefectures for radioactive contamination in agriculture and livestock foods, in particular, the same types of products restricted so far.

In addition, it is to inform that relevant National Institutes/Laboratories would consider possible assistance to test food samples from the prefectures concerned if they have difficulty in testing their food samples due to lack of laboratory equipment and capacity.

(Attachment)

Instruction

21 March 2011

From Director-General of the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters
To Governors of Fukushima, Ibaraki, Tochigi and Gun-ma Prefectures,

Recognizing the accident occurred at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant (operated by TEPCO Co. Ltd), the following order shall take place, under the authority of the Director-General of the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters, following Article 20.3 of the Act on Special Measures Concerning Nuclear Emergency Preparedness (Act No. 156, 1999):

Restrictive requirements shall apply to food business operators concerned not to distribute the following foods produced in the respective prefectures:

- 1) Spinach and Kakina harvested in Fukushima, Ibaraki, Tochigi and Gun-ma Prefectures; and
- 2) Fresh raw milk produced in Fukushima Prefecture.