

# A Message to All Consumers

Miyagi Prefecture

Here in Miyagi Prefecture, we are inspecting radiation levels in agricultural, forestry and fishery products with the cooperation of the prefectural municipalities, Japan Agricultural Cooperatives, farmers' markets, fish markets and other concerned institutions. We will only allow safe products to be shipped out for sale.

Furthermore, all institutions concerned are carrying out their own individual inspections in order to confirm the safety of distributed food products.

Please enjoy the wonderful agricultural and marine products our Food Kingdom Miyagi has to offer without any concerns.



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Governor of Miyagi Prefecture Yoshihiro Murai

▶ During FY 2016, we conducted thorough inspections on 242 product varieties (5,427 items) and screened 137 product varieties (26,073 items), thus inspecting a total of 286 product varieties (31,500 items).

Those products confirmed through testing to have radiation levels below the allowed standards (100 Bq/kg for general foods, 50 Bq/kg for raw milk) are sent to market for consumption.

The main products that were inspected are as follows. We will continue into FY 2017 to inspect the products based on the directions issued by the national government and ensure the safety of our food products.

◆ **Agricultural Products: 131 product varieties, 2,587 items inspected**

Grains: rice, barley, wheat, soy beans, summer buckwheat, fall buckwheat

Vegetables: strawberries, cucumbers, tomatoes, spinach, Japanese white radishes, Chinese cabbage, leek, potatoes, onions, eggplants, cabbage, etc.

Fruits: plums, persimmons, Asian pears, peaches, apples, etc.

◆ **Forestry Products: 48 product varieties, 1,717 items inspected**

Mushrooms: log-cultivated shiitake (outdoor), bed-cultivated shiitake, bed-cultivated nameko, bed-cultivated maitake, etc.

Wild vegetables and plants: ostrich ferns, bamboo shoots, Japanese angelica sprouts, leafy wasabi, Japanese butterburs, edible flower of the butterbur, brackens, etc.

◆ **Livestock Products: 2 product varieties, 25,230 items inspected**

raw milk, beef (all cattle screened)

◆ **Fishery Products: 105 product varieties, 1,966 items inspected**

Saltwater fishery products: fat greenling, clams, bonito, soles, Japanese common squid, flounders, yellowtail, conger eel, chub mackerel, pacific cod, farm-raised coho salmon, farm-raised Pacific, oyster, farm-raised hoyo (sea pineapple), farm-raised wakame, etc.

Freshwater fishery products: sweetfish (Japanese trout), farm-raised char, Yamame trout, farm-raised rainbow trout, etc.

▶ You can also check the results of all inspections conducted from March 2011 up until this point on the following websites:

Radiation Information Site Miyagi: <http://www.r-info-miyagi.jp/r-info/food/>

\*You can check the radioactivity measurement results of each production area on the map.

Miyagi Prefecture Food Industry Promotion Division:

<http://www.pref.miyagi.jp/soshiki/syokushin/nuclear-index.html>

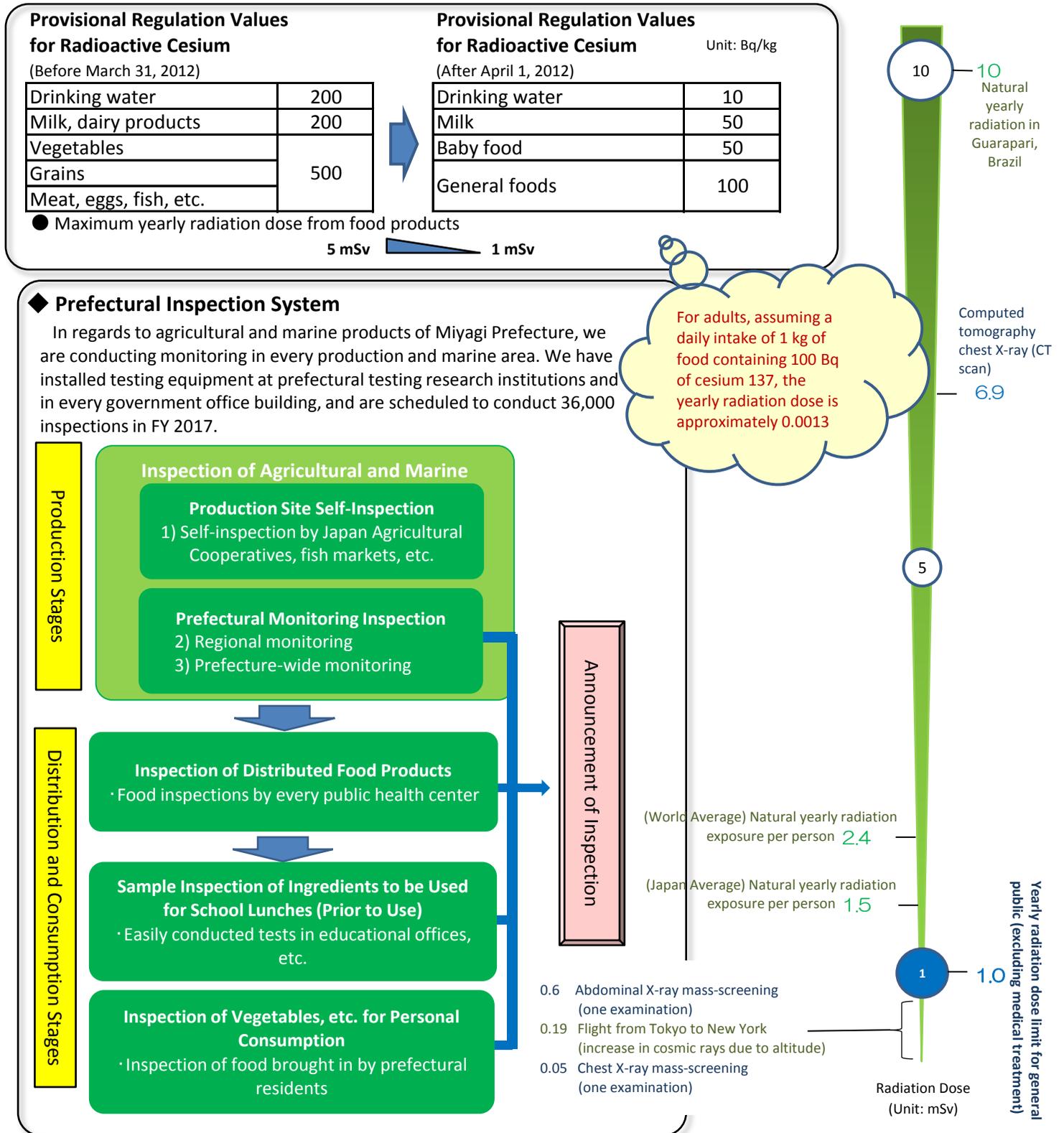


# Ensuring Food Product Safety

## ◆ Concerning Permissible Levels of Radiation

While food products adhering to previous provisional regulations have been regarded to have no negative effects on health, in order to further ensure food product safety, the radiation dose limit from consumption of foods which contain radioactive materials has been lowered from 5 mSv to 1 mSv per year, and new permissible levels of radiation have been established based on this.

Within Miyagi Prefecture, we have developed an inspection system based on the new permissible levels of radiation. Conducting inspections at each stage of the production and distribution process, we will work to ensure food product safety.



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