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Press release

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The inspection result on level of radioactive substances in Japanese smelt (*Hypomesus nipponensis*) produced in Nagano Prefecture

The Nagano Prefectural Government has implemented inspections of Japanese smelt sampled at lakes in Nagano Prefecture. The result shows that radioactive iodine is not detectable and radioactive cesium is below Provisional Regulatory Values in the samples.

The Nagano Prefectural Government will continue to implement inspections on agricultural products periodically, in order to ease residents' anxiety in Nagano Prefecture.

Result of the inspection

Sample	Radioactive iodine (I-131)	Radioactive cesium		Sampling site	Sampling date
		Cs-134	Cs-137		
Japanese smelt (<i>Hypomesus nipponensis</i>)	Not detectable	38	49	Lake Nojiri	1 ~ 10 October, 2011
Japanese smelt (<i>Hypomesus nipponensis</i>)	Not detectable	Not detectable	Not detectable	Lake Matsubara	18 October, 2011
Japanese smelt (<i>Hypomesus nipponensis</i>)	Not detectable	Not detectable	Not detectable	Lake Kizaki	21 October, 2011

Detection limit is about 3 ~17 Bq/kg for Iodine and 2 ~ 6 Bq/Kg for Cesium. The limit differs among species. "Not detectable" means that radioactivity is lower than the detection limit.

Date of inspection: 24 October, 2011 (Lake Nojiri and Lake Matsubara) and 25 October (Lake Kizaki)

Inspection facility: Nagano Environmental Conservation Research Institute

[Provisional Regulation Value]

Fish- Radioactive iodine (I-131): 2,000 Bq/kg, Radioactive cesium: 500 Bq/kg

Beginning of the recreational fishery season, inspection was conducted before opening of fishing season. Multiple sampling was conducted in Lake Nojiri in order to gather enough amounts of samples. As for Lake Suwa, the inspection was implemented on 31 August. The result was "not detectable."

You can see another results on following the website of Nagano prefecture:

<http://www.pref.nagano.lg.jp/nousei/nousei/housyanou/housyasen3.htm>