

(Provisional translation)

Press release

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The Nagano Prefectural Government has implemented inspections of freshwater fish (crucian carp) produced in Nagano Prefecture. The results of the inspections show that radioactive materials are not detectable in the sample.

The Nagano Prefectural Government has implemented inspections of crucian carp sampled at a rice paddy in Nagano Prefecture. The result of the inspection shows that both radioactive iodine and radioactive cesium are not detectable in the sample. The Nagano Prefectural Government will continue to implement inspections on agricultural products periodically, in order to ensure security of the residents of Nagano Prefecture.

Result of the inspection

Sample	Radioactive iodine (I-131)	Radioactive cesium		Sampling site	Sampling date
		Cs-134	Cs-137		
Crucian carp (<i>Carassius sp.</i>) (farmed in rice paddy)	Not detectable	Not detectable	Not detectable	Saku City	22 August, 2011

Detection limit is about 3 Bq/kg. "Not detectable" means that radioactivity is lower than the detection limit.

Date of inspection: 22 August, 2011

Inspection facility: Nagano Environmental Conservation Research Institute

[Provisional Regulation Value]

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

Crucian carp is farmed in rice paddies and consumed locally. The Nagano Prefectural Government conducted the inspection of crucian carp in main production area this time prior to the harvest season of the fish which would start in September.

Nagano Prefectural Government will continue to conduct inspections on radioactive materials for the wide range of major items and main production areas in order to confirm their safety.