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Question:

Please provide information on the following in respect of the arrangements for supply of food to Hong Kong:

- (a) the number of Mainland production farms approved for exporting food to Hong Kong, with a breakdown by province and by the type of food exported, such as vegetables, fruits, live pigs, live cattle, live chickens, freshwater fish, etc.; and
- (b) the number of inspections conducted by the Department to the above production farms and whether any production farms were disqualified from exporting food to Hong Kong in each of the past three years (i.e. from 2009-10 to 2011-12); if yes, the reasons for disqualification.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yung Kan

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (a) According to the State General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ), the number of registered Mainland farms exporting live food animals, fish, vegetables and fruits to Hong Kong in 2011 by type and location is tabulated as follows -

Province or cities	No. of registered farms for each food type							
	Poultry	Pig	Cattle	Goat	Live Aquatic Animals (except fish)	Fish*	Vegetable	Fruit [#]
Guangdong(廣東)	43	90	3		4	60	158	181
Shenzhen(深圳)	6	3					6	1
Zhuhai(珠海)	12	6				5	1	5
Anhui(安徽)			1		14			2
Beijing(北京)			5				4	16
Chongqing(重慶)		1					1	4

Province or cities	No. of registered farms for each food type							
	Poultry	Pig	Cattle	Goat	Live Aquatic Animals (except fish)	Fish*	Vegetable	Fruit [#]
Fujian(福建)		1					11	225
Gansu(甘肅)			2				9	123
Guangxi(廣西)		10		1			2	113
Guizhou(貴州)			1				3	1
Hainan(海南)	2	1					15	51
Hebei(河北)			4				22	237
Heilongjiang(黑龍江)			1					6
Henan(河南)		22	1				14	23
Hubei(湖北)		31	1		8	7	10	38
Hunan(湖南)		40	1		4	3	50	64
Jiangsu(江蘇)					18		25	
Jiangxi(江西)		22	1		1	7	15	35
Jilin(吉林)			1					1
Liaoning(遼寧)					3	2	5	271
Neimongol(內蒙古)			5				1	
Ningxia(寧夏)							17	9
Qinghai(青海)			1					
Shaanxi(陝西)			2					635
Shandong(山東)							62	675
Shanxi(山西)			3				2	37
Shanghai(上海)		7					13	2
Sichuan(四川)							2	48
Tianjin(天津)			1				7	
Xinjiang(新疆)								584
Yunnan(雲南)				1			55	99
Zhejiang(浙江)		10			9		18	116
Total no. of registered farms	63	244	34	2	61	84	528	3 602

* According to AQSIQ's registered farm list, freshwater fish farms and seawater fish farms are grouped under fish farms and there is no further breakdown in the number of these two types of farms.

According to AQSIQ's website, orchards and processing plants registered with AQSIQ are eligible to export their fruits to the world (including Hong Kong).

- (b) A total of 84, 91 and 90 inspections to registered Mainland farms were conducted in 2009, 2010 and 2011 respectively. The breakdown of farms inspected by type is tabulated as follows -

	Poultry Farms	Pig Farms	Cattle Farms	Live Aquatic Animal Farms (except fish farms)	Fish Farms (freshwater/seawater)	Vegetable Farms	Orchards
No. of Inspections in 2009	35	9	-	8	9 / 3	20	-
No. of Inspections in 2010	41	8	3	1	14 / 4	16	4
No. of Inspections in 2011	31	12	5	4	15 / 3	20	-

AQSIQ is the authority for approving and disqualifying registered Mainland farms.

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