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Question:

In respect of the monitoring of the safety of food supplied to Hong Kong, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the number of Mainland production farms approved for exporting food to Hong Kong, with a breakdown by province and type of food exported, such as vegetables, fruits, live pigs, live cattle, live chickens, freshwater fish, etc.;
- (b) the number of inspections conducted by the Department to these production farms in each of the past three years (i.e. from 2010, 2011 and 2012); and
- (c) whether any policy has been examined to encourage farms to become production farms approved for exporting food to Hong Kong so as to increase the sources of food supply.

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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 eligible to export live food animals, fish, vegetables and fruits to Hong Kong in 2012 by type and location is tabulated as follows -

Province or city	Number of registered farms and plants for each food type						
	Poultry	Pig	Cattle	Goat	Live Aquatic Animals	Vegetable	Fruit
Guangdong(廣東)	42	91	3		81	150	181
Shenzhen(深圳)	6	3				6	1
Zhuhai(珠海)	13	6			4	1	5
Anhui(安徽)			1		14		2
Beijing(北京)			5			3	16
Chongqing(重慶)		1				1	4

Province or city	Number of registered farms and plants for each food type						
	Poultry	Pig	Cattle	Goat	Live Aquatic Animals	Vegetable	Fruit
Fujian(福建)		1				7	225
Gansu(甘肅)			2			9	123
Guangxi(廣西)		9		1	1	2	113
Guizhou(貴州)			1			3	1
Hainan(海南)	2	1				15	51
Hebei(河北)			4			14	237
Heilongjiang(黑龍江)			1				6
Henan(河南)		22	1			14	23
Hubei(湖北)		31	1		18	13	38
Hunan(湖南)		40	1		7	50	64
Jiangsu(江蘇)					18	25	
Jiangxi(江西)		22	1		9	15	35
Jilin(吉林)			1				1
Liaoning(遼寧)					5	5	271
Neimongol(內蒙古)			5			1	
Ningxia(寧夏)						21	9
Qinghai(青海)			1				
Shaanxi(陝西)			3				635
Shandong(山東)						69	675
Shanxi(山西)			3			2	37
Shanghai(上海)		7				13	2
Sichuan(四川)						2	48
Tianjin(天津)			1		1	7	
Xinjiang(新疆)							584
Yunnan(雲南)				1		55	99
Zhejiang(浙江)		9			9	18	116
<b>Total no. of registered /associated farms</b>	63	243	35	2	167	521	3 602

- (b) A total of 91, 90 and 88 inspections to registered Mainland farms were conducted in 2010, 2011 and 2012 respectively. The breakdown of farms inspected by types is tabulated as follows –

Year	Poultry	Pig	Cattle	Goat	Live Aquatic Animals	Vegetable	Fruit	Total
2010	41	8	3	0	19	16	4	91
2011	31	12	5	0	22	20	0	90
2012	29	13	2	0	31	13	0	88

- (c) The Food and Health Bureau, as well as the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, have maintained close liaison with AQSIQ and other relevant Mainland authorities in ensuring the stable supply of live food animals, fish, vegetables and fruits to Hong Kong, including broadening the sources of food supply where necessary. Such efforts will continue.

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