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**Question (Member Question No. 5):**

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

- 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.;
- the number of inspections conducted by the Department to these production farms in each of the past three years (i.e. from 2011-12 to 2013-14); and
- 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.

**Asked by:** Hon. HO Chun-yin, Steven

**Reply:**

The information sought is provided as follows –

- According to the State General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ), the number of registered Mainland farms exporting vegetables, fruits, live food animals and fish to Hong Kong in 2013 by type and location is tabulated as follows –

Province or cities	Vegetable Farms	Orchards	Poultry Farms	Pig Farms	Cattle Farms	Goat Farms	Aquatic Food Animal Farms
Guangdong(廣東)	142	181	37	82	2		80
Shenzhen(深圳)	6	1	2	2			
Zhuhai(珠海)	1	5	12	5			4
Anhui(安徽)		2			1		14
Beijing(北京)	3	16			5		
Chongqing(重慶)	1	4		1			

Province or cities	Vegetable Farms	Orchards	Poultry Farms	Pig Farms	Cattle Farms	Goat Farms	Aquatic Food Animal Farms
Fujian(福建)	2	225		1			
Gansu(甘肅)	9	123			2		
Guangxi(廣西)	2	113		8		1	1
Guizhou(貴州)	3	1			1		
Hainan(海南)	15	51	2	1			
Hebei(河北)	8	237			3		
Heilongjiang(黑龍江)		6			1		
Henan(河南)	16	23		16	1		
Hubei(湖北)	13	38		34	1		18
Hunan(湖南)	50	64		41			8
Jiangsu(江蘇)	26						18
Jiangxi(江西)	8	35		24	1		9
Jilin(吉林)		1			1		
Liaoning(遼寧)	5	271					5
Neimongol(內蒙古)	2				5		
Ningxia(寧夏)	22	9					
Qinghai(青海)					1		
Shaanxi(陝西)		635			3		
Shandong(山東)	70	675					
Shanxi(山西)	2	37			3		
Shanghai(上海)	13	2		7			2
Sichuan(四川)	2	48					
Tianjin(天津)	7				1		1
Xiamen(廈門)	6						
Xinjiang(新疆)		584					
Yunnan(雲南)	28	99				1	
Zhejiang(浙江)	18	116		9			9
<b>Total no. of registered farms</b>	480	3 602	53	231	32	2	169

- (b) The total number of inspections conducted is kept on a calendar year basis. A total of 90, 88 and 86 inspections to Mainland farms were conducted in 2011, 2012 and 2013 respectively. The breakdown of farms inspected by type is tabulated as follows –

	Vegetable Farms	Orchards	Poultry Farms	Pig Farms	Cattle Farms	Aquatic Food Animal Farms	Total
No. of Inspections in 2011	20	0	31	12	5	22	90
No. of Inspections in 2012	13	0	29	13	2	31	88
No. of Inspections in 2013	16	0	29	13	7	21	86

- (c) As the Mainland is a major supplier of food and live food animals to Hong Kong, the Government maintains close liaison and exchanges information with relevant Mainland authorities (including the Ministry of Commerce and AQSIQ, etc.) on the stable supply of fresh food produce and live food animals, including broadening the sources of supply where necessary. We will continue with this effort.