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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 2012-13 to 2014-15); 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.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 25)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) In 2014, the number of registered Mainland farms approved by the Mainland authorities for exporting vegetables, fruits, live food animals and fish to Hong Kong by type and location is tabulated as follows –

Province or city	Vegetable Farms	Orchards	Poultry Farms	Pig Farms	Cattle Farms	Goat Farms	Aquatic Food Animal Farms
Guangdong	137	181	24	87	2		80
Shenzhen	2	1	2	2			

Province or city	Vegetable Farms	Orchards	Poultry Farms	Pig Farms	Cattle Farms	Goat Farms	Aquatic Food Animal Farms
Zhuhai	1	5	9	5			4
Anhui		2			1		14
Beijing	3	16			5		
Chongqing	1	4		1			
Fujian	1	150					
Gansu	9	123			2		
Guangxi	2	113		7			1
Guizhou	3	1			1		
Hainan	15	51	1	2			
Hebei	10	237			3		
Heilongjiang		6			1		
Henan	12	23		16			
Hubei	13	38		14	2		23
Hunan	32	64		38			11
Jiangsu	28						21
Jiangxi	8	35		25	1		10
Jilin		1		2	1		
Liaoning	5	271					5
Neimongol	2				5		
Ningxia	23	9					
Ningbo		12					
Qinghai					1		
Shaanxi		635			5		
Shandong	76	675					
Shanxi	2	37			3		
Shanghai	13	2		7			2
Sichuan	2	48					
Tianjin	7				1		1
Xiamen	6	75		1			
Xinjiang		604					
Yunnan	28	99				1	
Zhejiang	18	104		9			9
Total number of registered farms	459	3 622	36	216	34	1	181

- (b) The total number of inspections conducted is kept on a calendar year basis. In 2012, 2013 and 2014, a total of 88, 86 and 69 Mainland farms were inspected respectively. The breakdown of farms inspected by type is tabulated as follows –

	Vegetable Farms	Orchards	Poultry Farms	Pig Farms	Cattle Farms	Goat Farms	Aquatic Food Animal Farms	Total
No. of Inspections in 2012	13	0	29	13	2	0	31	88
No. of Inspections in 2013	16	0	29	13	7	0	21	86
No. of Inspections in 2014	17	3	29	8	5	0	7	69

- (c) The Government is committed to ensuring an adequate and stable food supply to Hong Kong. In this connection, the Government has been working closely with the Mainland authorities to maintain the stability, quality and safety of food products supplied to Hong Kong. We will continue with our efforts on this front.

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