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Question:

In respect of monitoring 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 and hairy crabs;
- (b) the number of inspections conducted by the Department to these production farms in each of the past 3 years; 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. 34)

Reply:

- (a) Information on the types and number of registered Mainland farms eligible for exporting foods to Hong Kong by province/city/autonomous region as at 31 December 2016 is given below –

Province / City / Autonomous Region	Vegetable Farms	Orchard	Poultry Farms	Pig Farms	Cattle Farms	Goat Farms	Aquatic Food Animal Farms
Guangdong	113	93	24	90	2		80
Shenzhen	2	1		1			
Zhuhai	1		9	5			4
Anhui	2	6		1	1		14

Province / City / Autonomous Region	Vegetable Farms	Orchard	Poultry Farms	Pig Farms	Cattle Farms	Goat Farms	Aquatic Food Animal Farms
Beijing	4	1			5		
Chongqing	5	5		1			
Fujian	4	48		1			
Gansu	5	202			3		
Guangxi	5	51		5	1		1
Guizhou	3	11			1		
Hainan	11	30	1	2			
Hebei	16	186			3		
Heilongjiang		11			1		
Henan	14	9		17			
Hubei	13	15		14	2		23
Hunan	32	51		39			10
Jiangsu	12	2					28
Jiangxi	9	43		25	1		10
Jilin		2		2	1		
Liaoning	5	214					7
Neimongol					5		
Ningxia	23	1					
Ningbo		8					
Qinghai					1		
Shaanxi		431			5		
Shandong	84	565					
Shanxi		91			3		
Shanghai	13	1		7			2
Sichuan	3	41					
Tianjin	1				1		1
Xiamen	5	243					
Xinjiang		183					
Yunnan	41	369				1	
Zhejiang	16	64		3			11
Total no. of registered farms	442	2 978	34	213	36	1	191

(b) Information on the types and number of Mainland farms inspected in the past 3 years is given below—

Calendar Year	Vegetable Farms	Orchards	Poultry Farms	Pig Farms	Cattle Farms	Goat Farms	Aquatic Food Animal Farms	Total
2014	17	3	29	8	5	0	7	69
2015	13	3	22	14	6	0	9	67
2016	9	3	25	19	3	1	5	65

(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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