

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)404****(Question Serial No. 6144)**

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Question:

In respect of monitoring the safety of food supplied to Hong Kong, please advise on:

- (a) the number of Mainland production farms approved for supplying food to Hong Kong over the past 5 years, with a breakdown by province and type of food exported, such as vegetables, fruits, live pigs, live cattle, live chickens and freshwater fish, and the number of farms removed from the list of registered production farms for supplying food to Hong Kong; and
- (b) the number of inspections conducted by the Department to these farms, fish ponds, etc. in the past 5 years, with information on the samples collected for testing, the tests conducted and the test results.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 67)

Reply:

- (a) Information on the types and numbers of registered Mainland farms eligible for export of food to Hong Kong from 2014 to 2018 is set out as follows –

Calendar year	Vegetable farms	Orchards	Poultry farms	Pig farms	Cattle farms	Goat farms	Aquatic food animal farms	Total
2014	459	3 622	36	216	34	1	181	4 549
2015	450	2 463	34	217	34	1	174	3 373
2016	442	2 978	34	213	36	1	191	3 895
2017	458	2 978	28	173	38	3	150	3 828
2018	458	3 384	29	154	36	3	122	4 186

Breakdown of the aforementioned Mainland farms as at 31 December 2018 by geographical locations is as follows –

<b>Province / City / Autonomous Region</b>	<b>Vegetable farms</b>	<b>Orchard</b>	<b>Poultry farms</b>	<b>Pig farms</b>	<b>Cattle farms</b>	<b>Goat farms</b>	<b>Aquatic food animal farms</b>
Anhui	2	6		1	1		
Beijing	6	1			5		
Chongqing	7	11		1			
Fujian	5	209					
Gansu	6	180					
Guangdong, Shenzhen and Zhuhai	116	86	27	77	1		89
Guangxi	8	35		10	1		1
Guizhou	9	21			1		
Hainan	7	36	2	3			
Hebei	17	170			4		
Heilongjiang		17			1		
Henan	9	15		14		1	
Hubei	13	21		7	2		10
Hunan	32	54		21			14
Jiangsu	14	7					1
Jiangxi	9	27		16			
Jilin		3			1		
Liaoning	5	245					4
Neimongol					5		
Ningxia	23	2			1		
Ningbo							
Qinghai					1		
Shaanxi		433			5		
Shandong	88	575					
Shanxi	3	233		1	6	1	
Shanghai	12	5		1			
Sichuan	3	109					
Tianjin	1	2			1		1
Xiamen	7			1			
Xinjiang		106					
Xizang		1					
Yunnan	48	714				1	
Zhejiang	8	60		1			2
Total	458	3 384	29	154	36	3	122

(b) Information on the types and numbers of Mainland farms inspected in the past 5 years is set out as follows –

<b>Calendar year</b>	<b>Vegetable farms</b>	<b>Orchards</b>	<b>Poultry farms</b>	<b>Pig farms</b>	<b>Cattle farms</b>	<b>Goat farms</b>	<b>Aquatic food animal farms</b>	<b>Total</b>
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
2017	18	1	25	8	4	0	7	63
2018	7	4	16	7	7	0	13	54

The Centre for Food Safety of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department does not take samples during these inspections, but collects samples of food at the import, wholesale and retail levels for testing along a risk-based approach to safeguard food safety.

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