

V Supply of Safe Non-wood Forest Products Such as Mushrooms

Mushrooms and wild vegetables grown or gathered within Fukushima Prefecture for the purpose of shipment and sale are inspected to confirm their safety. The produced mushrooms etc. can be shipped if it can be confirmed that they were grown under appropriate management and are adequately below the standard limit for radioactive cesium in general foodstuffs.

Shipment Restriction and Its Release of Non-Wood Forest Products Such as Mushrooms

For mushrooms and wild vegetables etc. to be shipped and sold, they must be below the standard limit for radioactive cesium concentration in general foodstuffs (100Bq/kg).

As of August 6, 2018, there are shipment restrictions on 23 types of non-wood forest products, including log-cultivated shiitake mushrooms, wild mushrooms, bamboo shoots, shuttlecock fern, Chengioplanax sciadophylloides, butterbur shoot, Aralia sprout, ostrich fern, and bracken, from 189 municipalities in 13 prefectures nationwide. On the other hand, there are moves towards lifting the restrictions, and as of August 6, 2018, shipments of log-cultivated shiitake mushrooms had resumed from 65 municipalities in six prefectures.

The Forestry Agency is supporting the stable supply of

mushroom logs, as a step towards producers of mushrooms etc. being able to continue or resume production. In November 2015, it announced "Inspection and other specific operations towards the lifting of restrictions on shipments of wild mushrooms etc.", which detailed inspection methods and shipment management in order to facilitate the lifting of shipment restrictions on wild mushrooms and wild vegetables. Since then, there has been gradual progress in lifting shipment restrictions.

※The results of monitoring inspections for radioactive cesium concentration etc. are open to public in newspapers, and on the Fukushima Prefecture website. Caution is required, because varieties for which shipment is restricted cannot be used as raw materials for processed foods either.



[Photo] Radiation Measurement Inspection

Reference: Website of Forest, Forestry, and Vegetation Association of Fukushima Prefecture "Mushroom Promotion (Mushroom Promotion Center)" ; Fukushima Prefecture website "Monitoring of Mushrooms and Wild Vegetables and Varieties with Shipment Restrictions for Each Municipalities"