

# Radioactive Cesium in Japan's Food Chain

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## Would You Feed This Food to Your Children?

This is the reality that people face when nuclear meltdowns introduce radioactive cesium into the food chain. Radioactive cesium causes cancer.

### Continuous Testing of Edibles

Source	Item	Testing Organization	Sample Collection Date	Results Confirmed Date	Test Results (Becquerels/Kg)	
					Cesium-134	Cesium-137
Unreported	Japanese School Lunch Program (Osaka Prefecture)	Shijonawate Health Center, Osaka Prefecture	01/21/2014	01/24/2014	<9.12	<10.3
Unreported	Japanese School Lunch Program (Osaka Prefecture)	Shijonawate Health Center, Osaka Prefecture	01/21/2014	01/24/2014	<9.33	<10.6

Source: Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan

[http://www.mhlw.go.jp/file/04-Houdouhappyou-11135000-Shokuhinanzentu-Kanshianzenka/0000035904\\_1.pdf](http://www.mhlw.go.jp/file/04-Houdouhappyou-11135000-Shokuhinanzentu-Kanshianzenka/0000035904_1.pdf)

The Japanese people are beset by a food chain that has been thoroughly compromised by radioactive cesium.

As a result, there is no longer any public confidence in the integrity of Japan's food inspection system.

*Almost all edibles tested in Japan contain radioactive cesium, and it has now been verified that shiitake mushrooms in Miyoshi City, Hiroshima Prefecture have tested above the statutory limit for radioactive cesium. Thus, radioactive cesium has now spread far beyond Fukushima Prefecture.*

Radioactive cesium has been detected in the food chain numerous times.

A partial listing includes:

tap water, milk, eggs, rice, plankton, fish, *Iwana* mountain trout (*Salvelinus pluvinus*), smelt (*Hypomesus nipponensis*), seals, cabbage, spinach, parsley, green onions, cucumbers, *shiitake* and *nameko* mushrooms, broccoli, bamboo shoots, *wasabi*, plums, green tea, rice straw, hares (*Lepus brachyurus angustidens*), wild boar, bear, beef, baby formula, and mothers' milk. However, I doubt that a soil decontamination project will be attempted due to the huge expense.

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