

Air, Water, and Food Safety in Shiga

Shiga is located approximately 500 miles from the epicenter of the earthquake, as well as the nuclear reactors in Fukushima. The Radiation level in the air in Shiga has remained at normal levels and agricultural goods produced in Shiga Prefecture are safe for consumption.

1 Radiation levels in the air

The Radiation levels in the air are measured hourly and have remained below 0.061 micro-sieverts per hour, which are normal radiation levels found in nature. These levels have remained constant in Shiga since prior to the disaster.

2 Radiation levels in the water

Radiation levels in the tap water are also measured daily and absolutely no radioactive iodine (I-131) nor have cesium (Cs-137) been detected even since the disaster.

3 Agricultural products

The level of radioactivity in the atmosphere in Shiga continues to be at normal levels, and agricultural products from the prefecture are safe for consumption. Any agricultural products from the vicinity of Fukushima are routinely monitored for radioactive contamination. Should any of these products be found to exceed the standard level of radioactivity, they will be banned from being shipped to Shiga or any other region.