

# Earthquake Report - JAIF

We have been reporting a status of Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power station by summarizing news aired by NHK, which is Japanese national broadcasting company. We regard it as most credible news among many news sources and we are happy to say that NHK's English website has gotten enriched and now you can see movies and English scripts at <http://www3.nhk.or.jp/daily/english/society.html>. Given this situation, we decide to simply place these scripts as it is for the record in case that it will be deleted from the website later, rather than summarizing news as we did.

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**NHK news regarding status of Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power station yesterday and today.**

(Fukushima NPP Site)

(Other news)

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## ●Radioactive cesium found in farm goods near Tokyo

Radioactive cesium that exceeds the new standard has been detected in shiitake mushrooms grown outside in a town in Kanagawa Prefecture, west of Tokyo. The town is around 300 kilometers from the disabled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant.

Since the new standard took effect, radioactive cesium higher than the limit has been found in agricultural products around Tokyo.

Officials in the prefecture say shiitake mushrooms harvested in Manazuru town on Thursday were found to contain 141 becquerels of radioactive cesium per kilogram. The new government limit of 100 becquerels took effect this month. The prefecture asked local farmers and agricultural organizations not to ship shiitake mushrooms.

It says this is the first case of food products from the prefecture exceeding the new stricter limit.

Chiba Prefecture, east of Tokyo, reported earlier this week that it detected radioactive cesium higher than the standard in bamboo shoots harvested in 2 cities.

Elsewhere in the Kanto region, Ibaraki Prefecture also reported this week that bamboo shoots and shiitake mushrooms harvested in 5 cities were found to contain levels of radioactive cesium higher than the government limit.

In Gunma Prefecture, local health officials earlier this week found beef containing 106 becquerels of radioactive cesium. Although the new standard for beef will take effect in October, the prefecture asked cattle farmers not to ship beef in an effort to address consumer concern.

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