

2026 Edition (FY2025 data)

Sanitary Inspection Overview

What We Do at the Inspection Station

Inspecting Animals and Meat

In order to provide safe meat, inspectors, who are also veterinarians, inspect each animal to be slaughtered in accordance with the law.

The inspection station also supervises the safety of all carcasses, including those brought in from other slaughterhouses.



Supervision and Guidance

The inspection station supervises and provides guidance to refrigeration and other facilities in the meat market, as well as commercial facilities such as those related to meat processing.

Supervision and guidance is also provided to meat transport companies on the handling of meat, sanitation management, and temperature control.



Sanitation Seminars

The inspection station holds seminars for businesses and individuals that handle meat and other relevant parties to raise awareness on sanitation.

Studies and Research

The inspection station conducts various types of research related to meat and other topics. The findings are presented at events such as academic conferences.

Returning Inspection Results

Slaughtering inspection results are provided to producers and others to improve production management and the safety of meat.



Shibaura Meat Sanitary Inspection Station, Tokyo Metropolitan Government

1. Inspection for residual toxic substances

Bureau of
Social Welfare
and Public
Health

(As of April 1, 2026)

Shibaura Meat Sanitary Inspection Station

Management

General Affairs

Administration

Program Coordination

HACCP Sanitary Guidance

Inspection

Bovine Inspection

Swine Inspection

Detailed Examination

Slaughtering inspectors with
concurrent duties related to the
affairs of an island

Management level post	Administrative	Slaughtering inspectors	Assistant veterinary hygienists	Part-time staff	Total
3	4	47	15	6	75
2 ※1	4	—	—	—	13
	—	3	—	2	
	—	1	—	—	
	—	1	—	—	
1	—	17	9	—	54
	—	11	6	—	
	—	6 ※2	—	4	
—	—	8	—	—	8

※1 Includes the Senior Director

※2 Includes the Pharmacist

2. Slaughterhouses under jurisdiction

Classification	Name of slaughterhouse	Number of slaughterhouse	Location	Established by	Number of days in operation
General	Tokyo Shibaura Slaughterhouse	1	2-7-19 Konan, Minato-ku	Tokyo Metropolitan Government	244 days
General	Hachijo-machi Slaughterhouse	14	5626-90 Ohkago, Hachijo Town	Hachijo Town	0 days

3. Numbers of animals inspected and carcasses brought in from other slaughterhouses

	Fiscal year	Total	Cattle		Calves *3	Horses	Swine	Sheep	Goats
			Beef cattle *1	Dairy cows *2					
Within Tokyo Metropolis	2023	299,252	87,835	87,540	295	0	0	211,417	0
	2024	314,822	90,081	89,924	157	1	0	224,740	0
	2025	309,845	90,147	89,796	351	0	0	219,698	0
Slaughterhouses within jurisdiction	Shibaura	309,845	90,147	89,796	351	0	0	219,698	0
	Hachijo Town	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Dressed carcasses brought in *4		48,813.5	45,989.5	35,539.5	10,450.5	85.0	0	2,739.0	0

*1: Wagyu and crossbreeds

*3: Cattle less than 1 year old

*2: Holstein breed, etc.

*4: Dressed carcasses brought into the meat market from other slaughterhouses

4. Breakdown of animals disposed by reason

Livestock species		Details of disposal	Actual number of animals disposed																	Total
			Swine erysipelas	Salmonellosis	Swine dysentery	Actinomycosis	Atrophic rhinitis	Toxoplasmosis	Disseminated	Other parasite infections	Pneumonia	Septic	Uremia	Jaundice	Dropsy	Tumor	Bovine leukosis	Other *		
Cattle	Slaughter prohibited	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Total disposal	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	3	0	0	48	0	0	58			
	Partial disposal	60,115	14	13	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,515	39	67,234	71,817					
Calves	Slaughter prohibited	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	Total disposal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	Partial disposal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Horses	Slaughter prohibited	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	Total disposal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	Partial disposal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Swine	Slaughter prohibited	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3			
	Total disposal	340	13	0	0	0	0	0	123	34	8	2	146	14	0	340				
	Partial disposal	155,782	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,057	8	173,553	176,618						
Sheep	Slaughter prohibited	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	Total disposal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	Partial disposal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Goats	Slaughter prohibited	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	Total disposal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	Partial disposal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Total	Slaughter prohibited	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3			
	Total disposal	398	13	0	0	0	0	0	123	37	12	5	146	14	48	0	398			
	Partial disposal	215,897	14	13	2	0	0	0	0	0	7,572	47	240,787	248,435						

Note) With respect to partial disposal, counted as one animal regardless of the size of the portion deemed abnormal and disposed of.

* Other

- (1) Contamination by inflammation or inflammatory product: pneumonia, pleurisy, epicarditis, hepatitis, cholangitis, gastritis, enteritis, etc.
- (2) Degeneration or atrophy: fatty liver, necrosis of mesenteric fat, necrosis of perirenal fat, etc.
- (3) Other: lithiasis, deformity, traumatic injury, bone fracture, etc.

5. Inspection for residual toxic substances

	Veterinary medicinal products						Agricultural chemicals	
	Antibiotics		Insecticides		Other drugs			
	Number of animals inspected	Number of animals that tested positive	Number of animals inspected	Number of animals that tested positive	Number of animals inspected	Number of animals that tested positive	Number of animals inspected	Number of animals that tested positive
Cattle	313	0	42	0	42	0	8	0
Swine	228	0	34	0	34	0	4	0
Total	541	0	76	0	76	0	12	0

6. Bacterial inspections at facilities

	Number of inspected facilities	Number of specimen	Total number of specimen	Instruction given	Inspection item
Slaughtering business	22	334	1,336	0	General bacterial, coliform group, E.coli, Staphylococcus aureus
Restaurant business	1	2	0	0	
Business handling organs	62	150	600	0	
Other *	5	30	108	0	
Total	90	516	2,044	0	

* Total number of ice makers and water coolers in the market

7. Number of cases monitored

	Total	Related to the Food Sanitation Act and others		Related to the Slaughterhouse Act and others		Related to Rendering Plant Control Act and others	
		Slaughtering business/processed meat sales business	Other commercial activities *2	Slaughterhouse facilities *3	Market facilities *4	Rendering plant, etc. *5	Transportation of animal materials
Number of cases *1	***	39	***	22	6	2	***
Cases monitored	18,711	8,212	847	6,531	1,455	476	1,190
Instruction given	114	70	35	9	0	0	0

*1: Number of facilities as of the end of FY2024

*2: Total number of restaurants, meat transport vehicles, etc.

*3: Total number of mooring stations, treatment rooms, organ handling rooms

*4: Total number of transaction rooms and refrigerators/freezers

*5: Raw hide storage area

Note) “***” indicates an indefinite number.

8. Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) inspection

	Slaughterhouse	Shibaura
BSE inspection	Number of animals inspected	3
Screening inspection *1	-	3
	+	0
Confirmation test *2	-	0
	+	0

*1: Inspections were carried out on cattle exhibiting abnormal behavior or neurological symptoms and those judged as requiring inspection.

*2: This inspection is conducted at inspection institutes designated by the central government when a specimen tests positive during screening.

9. Sheep/goat transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE) inspection

	Hachijo*	
	Sheep	Goats
Number of animals inspected	0	0
-	0	0
+	0	0

* As for the Tokyo islands, screening inspection is conducted at Shibaura Meat Sanitary Inspection Station.

Note) The number of TSE screening inspections performed

10. Slaughtering inspection charges

Cattle/horses	1,200 yen
Calves/swine	310 yen
Sheep/goats	240 yen

11. Major production areas

Cattle	Gunma, Ibaraki, Tochigi, Iwate, Chiba and Hokkaido prefectures
Swine	Gunma, Iwate, Ibaraki, Tochigi, Chiba and Akita prefectures

12. Sanitation certificate issuance for meat exports

Number of applications received during fiscal year 2025

Destination	Macau	Thailand	Vietnam	Myanmar	Total
Number of certifications issued	4	2,114	902	0	3,020
Transaction volume(kg)	3,535.7	371,543.3	27,131.6	0.0	646,210.6

Note) Sanitation certificates for meat exports issued in accordance with bilateral agreements between countries

13. Issuance of the certification on slaughtering inspection results

FY	Number of certifications issued
2024	1,160
2025	864

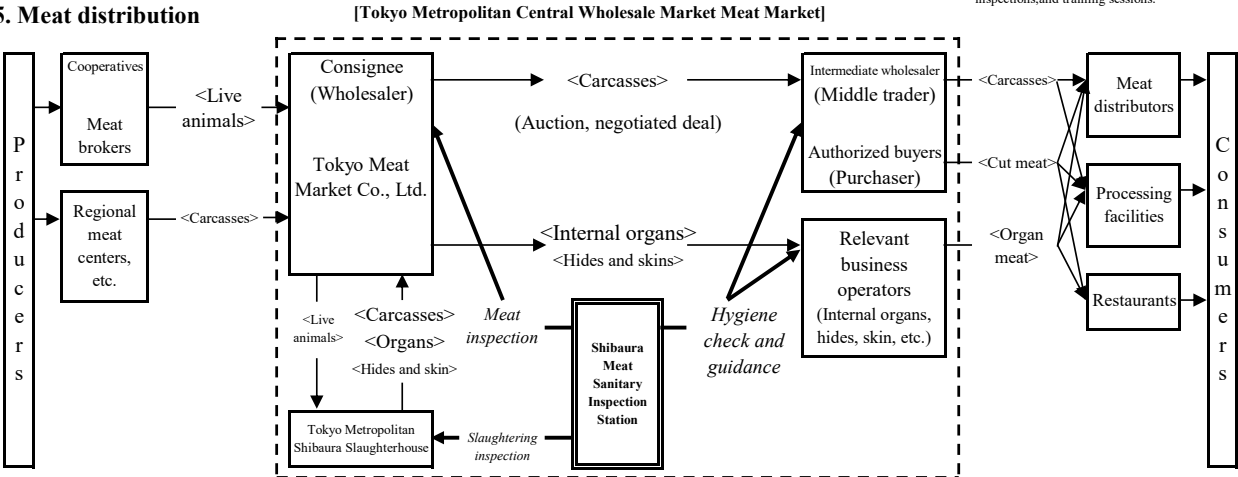
Note) Includes hides and blood etc.

14. Programs to promote and educate

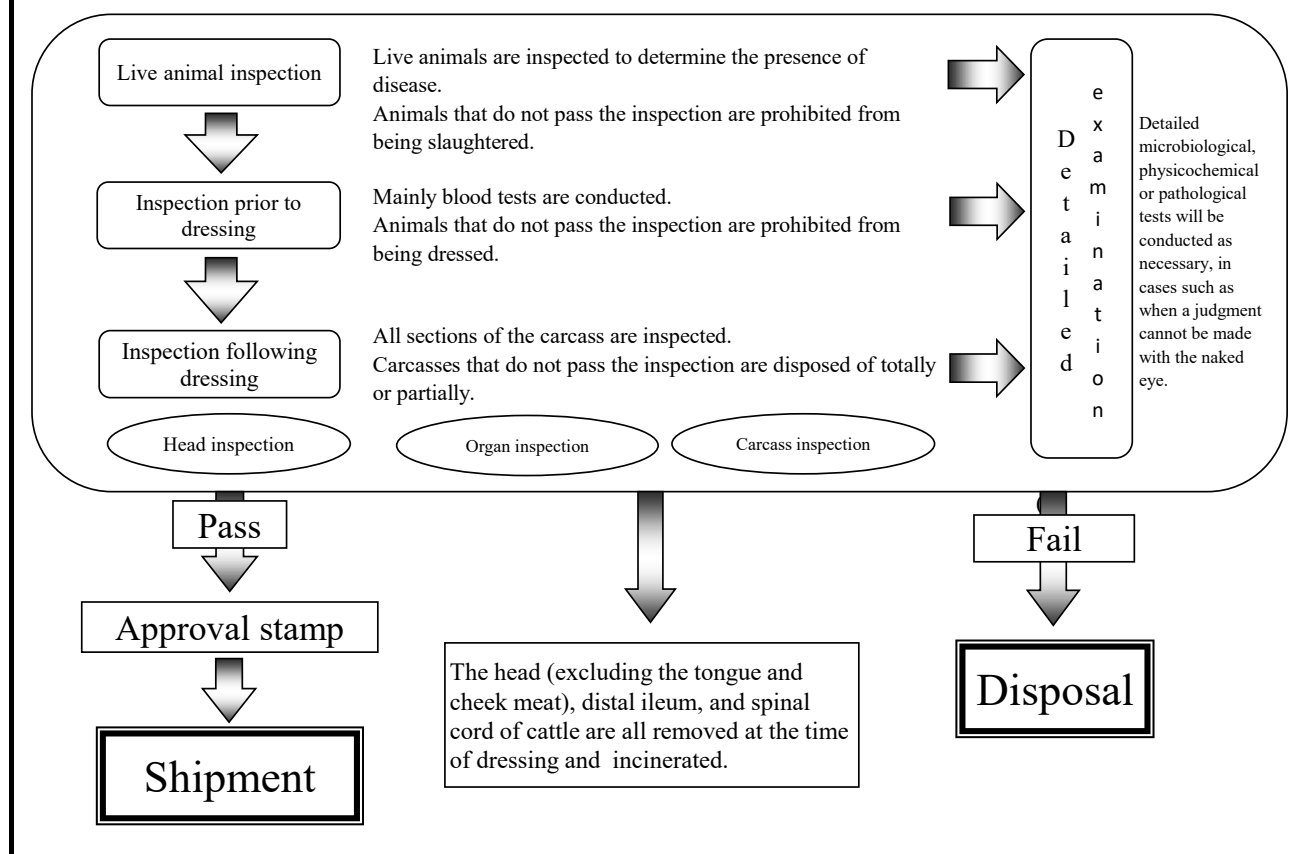
Affiliation	Number of events	Number of people
Related administrative bodies	22	433
Educational institutions (including universities)	11	77
Other (consumers, etc.)	27	1,168
Total	60	1,678

Note) Programs include sanitation seminars, facility tours, site inspections, and training sessions.

15. Meat distribution



Slaughtering Inspection Process



Using the Inspection Feedback System to Return Results and Strengthen the Crisis Management Response

We have introduced a meat sanitation inspection system to manage inspection data in accordance with the Slaughterhouse Act and the Food Sanitation Act. The system collects inspection data entered on touch panels and personal computers and stores it on a database. Thereby, inspection results are digitalized and shared, aiming for the prompt and effective return of information to producers and strengthening of the crisis control system, including the prompt transmission of emergency information. In addition, the data accumulated is being used in presentations of research findings.

- Inspection information is returned to producers and others to be used as a reference to prevent livestock diseases and enhance the safety of meat production.

- Inspection data is input at terminals, then collected and managed on a database.
- Emergency information is displayed on and transmitted to each terminal in real time to facilitate prompt response.

[Image of the inspection information feedback system]

