Member's update on

One Health activities (Zoonotic diseases, AMR and wildlife health) and

Veterinary Workforce/PVS Pathway

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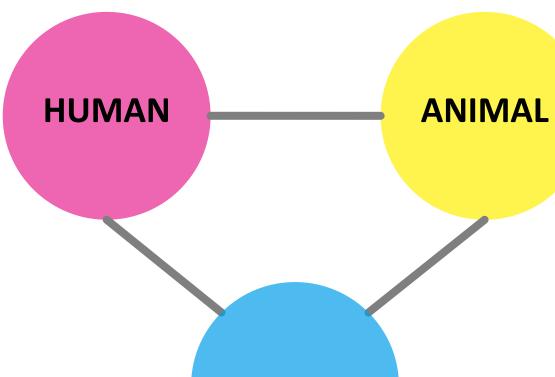




One Health Governance and Coordination Mechanisms

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

- Zoonoses
- Food safety
- AMR (human)



Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

- Animal diseases
- Animal health
- AMR (animal)

ENVIRONMENT

Ministry of the Environment

- Global warming
- Biodiversity
- Distribution of drug-resistant substance

Japan's 2nd National Action Plan on AMR:

• sets goals in the six areas and, in each area, establishes strategies to achieve the goals and specific actions to implement the strategies.

Goal 1 Public awareness & education

Goal 2 Surveillance & monitoring

Goal 3 Infection prevention & control

Goal 4 Antimicrobial stewardship

Goal 5 Research & development

Goal 6 International cooperation

PROVISIONAL TRANSLATION

National Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

2023-2027

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National Action Plan sets numerical targets as outcome indices.

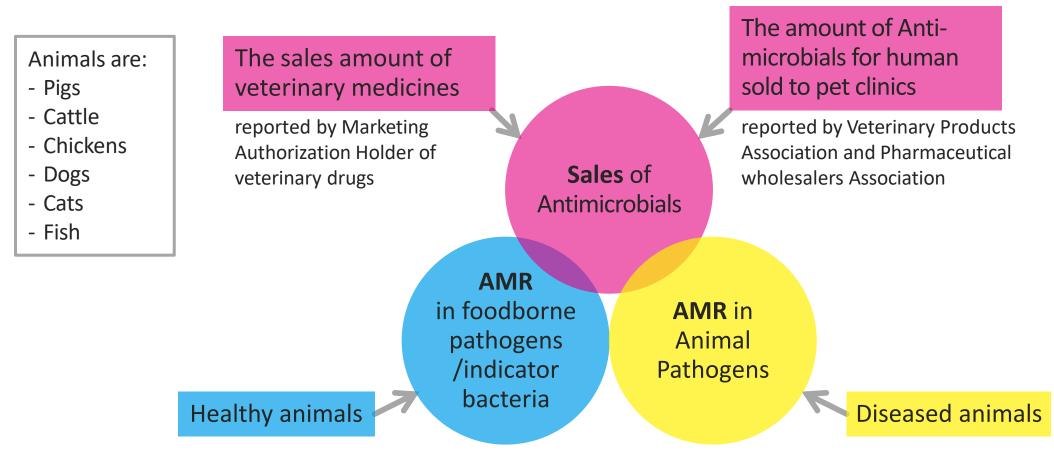
Resistance rates

	2020	2027 (target year)
Tetracycline resistance of <i>E. coli</i>	Cow 19.8% →	≥ ≤ 20%
	Pig 62.4% →	> ≦ 50%
	Chicken 52.9% →	→ ≤ 45%
third-generation cephalosporin resistance of <i>E. coli</i>	Cow 0.0% →	→ ≦ 1%
	Pig 0.0% →	→ ≦ 1%
	Chicken 4.1% →	> ≦ 5%
	Cow 0.4% →	→ ≦ 1%
fluoroquinolone resistance of E. coli	Pig 2.2% →	→ ≦ 2%
	Chicken 18.2% →	→ ≦ 15%

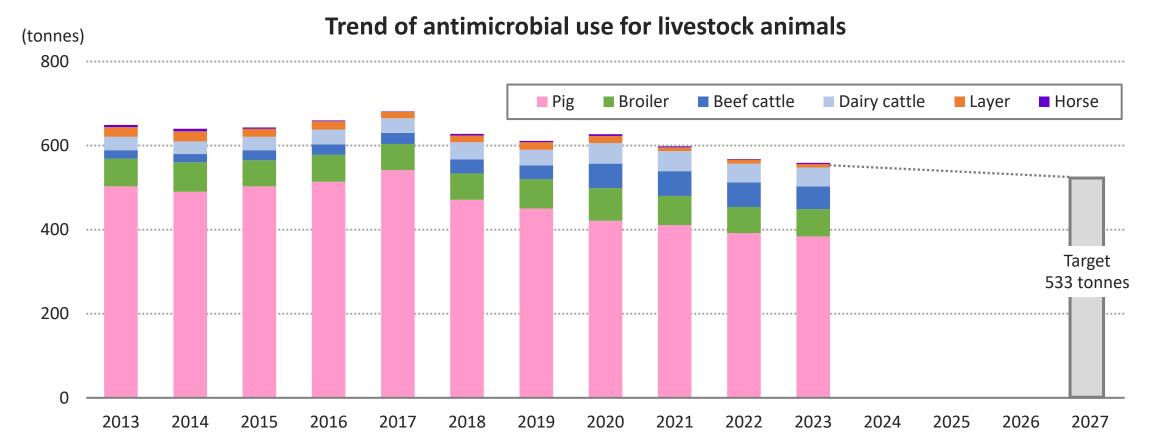
Antimicrobial use

	2020	2027 (target year)
use of veterinary antibiotics in the livestock field	626.8 tonnes →	15% reduction
use of second-line drugs in the livestock field	26.7 tonnes →	≤ 27 tonnes

- JVARM was established in 1999.
- JVARM was developed to monitor the trend of antimicrobial-resistant bacteria against major antimicrobials and to obtain basic data of assessment/management of risk for human health and veterinary care caused by antimicrobials.

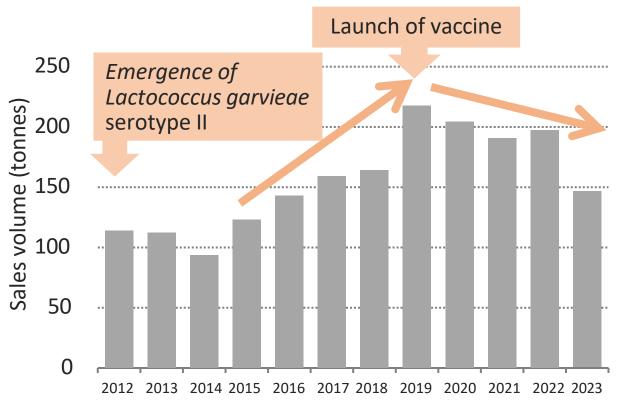


- The sales amount of antimicrobials for livestock animals has been decreasing since 2018.
- Out of the total amount of antimicrobials used for livestock animals, the amount of antimicrobials critically important for human account for only about 5% as of 2022.



- Vaccines play a critical role in disease prevention and control
- Japan actively promotes development and commercialization of vaccines

Trends in antimicrobial sales for seawater aquaculture



Source: Annual report of sales of veterinary drugs. "Sales and sales volume of various antibiotics, synthetic antimicrobials, anthelmintics and antiprotozoals"

Vaccination of yellowtail using a continuous injector



Source: AMR Clinical Reference Center HP

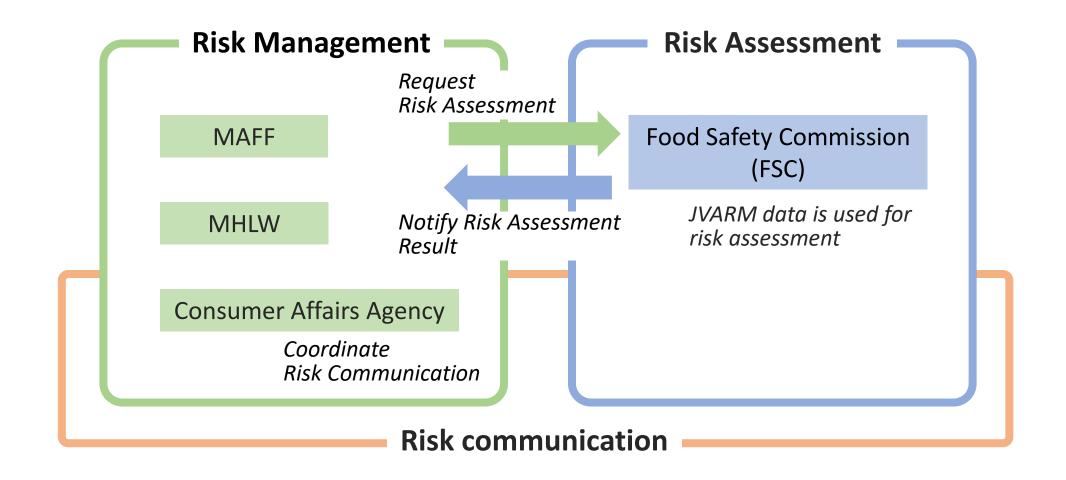
Risk management measures have been implemented based on risk assessments conducted by the Food Safety Commission of Japan.

Risk Assessment Result	Veterinary drugs	Feed additives	
11:	Prohibition of use etc.	• Prohibition of use	
High	 Restriction of usage (e.g. application period, target disease) 		
Medium	Strict use as a second choice drugEnhanced monitoring		
Low	• Continued monitoring		
Negligible	Continued monitoring	Continued monitoring	

- The use of **feed additives** is limited. The specification (cf. ban to use for milking cows and laying hens) is set out in the Feed Safety Act.
- The use of **veterinary drugs** is also limited, and specific requirements—such as the withdrawal period before the shipment of livestock—are set out in Act on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices.

Antimicrobial Use (AMU) and Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Risk analysis framework

Based on the international standards (the Codex guidelines and the WOAH code)



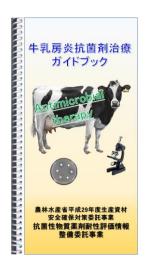
Public awareness & education for prudent use

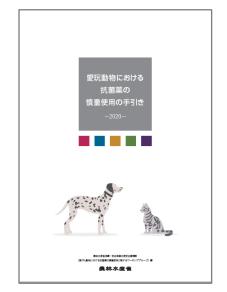
- Promote public awareness-raising activities to improve public knowledge and understanding of AMR
- Promote education and training on AMR of professionals involved in related fields















NVAL (National Veterinary Assay Laboratory) has been active as the WOAH – Collaborating Centre since 2010. Trainings are held for AMR inspectors from Asia and the pacific countries and regions.

- 2016 2018: Short-term Training Bhutan, Cambodia, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong SAR, China, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam
- 2019 2020 : long-term Training (China)
- 2021 : web training (Nepal)
- 2022 : Regional short-term training (15 countries and regions)
- 2023 : Regional short-term training (15 countries)
- 2024 : Regional short-term advanced training (5 countries)
- 2025: Regional short-term training (4 countries)





Wildlife Policy

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)

Responsible for:

- prevention and control of domestic animal health
- animal quarantine including specific wildlife species
- prevention of damage for agriculture caused by wildlife

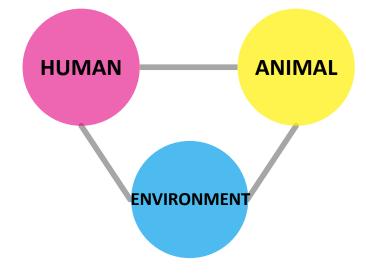
Ministry of Environment (MOE)

Responsible for:

- ecosystem conservation
- wildlife protection
- biodiversity

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW)

Responsible for prevention of human infectious diseases including Zoonotic diseases



Activities performed by Veterinary Service relating to wildlife

Surveillance and control measures

For animal disease prevention in domestic animals

- Hunting, surveillance and bait vaccine in wild boar for CSF
- Deer surveillance for paratuberculosis and Chuzan disease
- Wild boar surveillance for ASF, Aujeszky's disease and toxoplasmosis
- Water fowl surveillance for Newcastle disease

For prevention of animal diseases and zoonotic diseases

Wild bird and mammal surveillance for HPAI

For public health

Monitoring of rabies and SFTS in wildlife (Severe Fever with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome)

Animal quarantine for wildlife

For prevention of animal diseases and zoonotic diseases

- Cloven hoofed animals for FMD
- Foxes, skunks and racoons for rabies
- Other mammals and birds are covered by notification system for importation.

Import prohibition

For zoonotic disease prevention

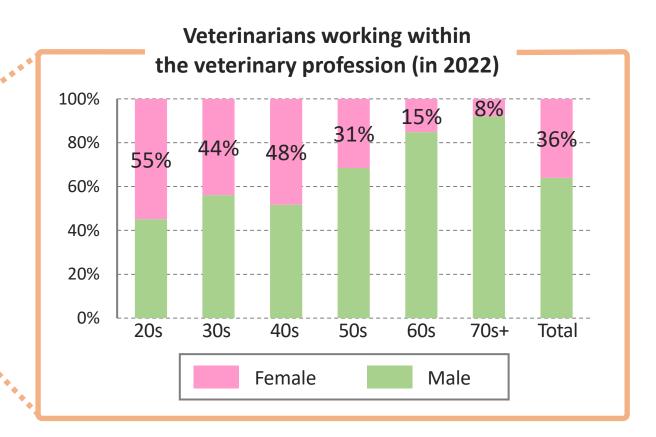
Ferret badgers, bats, monkeys (other than research and exhibition purpose), racoon dogs, masked palm civet, prairie dogs, and *Mastomys natalensis*

Veterinary workforce

Veterinarians work in various fields including farm animal health and production, small animal health and public health.

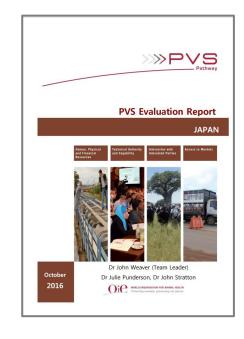
Numbers of veterinarians in each field in 2022

		Number	%
Farm animal practice		4,460	11
Small animal practice		16,541	41
Official public	Agriculture	3,311	8
	Public health	5,378	13
	Others	456	1
Others		5,955	15
•	thers (working outside the eterinary profession)		11
Total of registe veterinarians	red	40,455	100



PVS Pathway

- The PVS Evaluation mission was conducted in October 2016 and the evaluation report was made available in July 2018.
- It was observed that:
 - the Veterinary Services managed effective programmes with excellent levels of commitment and resources.
 - overall the Veterinary Services operated at the highest level internationally with no major weaknesses.
- Notwithstanding the excellence achieved, some weaknesses and therefore opportunities for further strengthening were identified.



Example:

Weakness identified in the report

The limited number of laboratories with quality assurance accreditation or of quality management programmes.

Improvement

Since 2019, it has been mandatory for the LHSC laboratories to annually participate in external proficiency testing programme.

Thank you







