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Cattle moved out of evacuation area

Residents in an evacuation area near the troubled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant have started moving their cattle to a neighboring city.

Katsurao village is helping livestock farmers move their animals as it aims to complete the evacuation by the end of May. More than 400 cows are still in the village.

The transfer of about 170 cows from the village to neighboring Tamura City started on Tuesday.

Earlier this month, small amount of radioactive cesium was detected in beef processed from cows carried from Katsurao Village to Aomori Prefecture.

The cattle transfer from the village to Tamura City is to continue through this week.

Many livestock farmers in other communities under evacuation orders have stayed on their farms, as they have animals to take care of.

Fukushima prefectural government is trying to evacuate them, by seeking places to move their animals, or urging them to sell the livestock.

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