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Radiation below legal limits found in farm, sea products near Fukushima

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The health ministry said Saturday that lower levels of radiation materials than the legal limits were detected in farm products and seafood in and around Fukushima Prefecture where the crippled nuclear power plant is located.

In Fukushima, 33 out of 49 vegetables and fruits had radioactive cesium and iodine but their levels were below the limits set under the food sanitation law, the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare said.

"There is a possibility of proliferation of radioactive substances abating," a ministry official said.

Four farm products in Niigata Prefecture, west of Fukushima, did not contain either of the radioactive substances, while cesium was detected in five marine products off the coast of Ibaraki Prefecture but was well below the limit.

Samples of seawater taken some 20 to 30 kilometers off the coast near the radiation-leaking Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, which was crippled in the wake of March 11 mega quake and ensuing tsunami, had lower levels of iodine and cesium than their limits, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology said.

The amount of radiation in the air in Ibaraki and Tokyo continued to fall on Saturday, and Kanagawa Prefecture saw it return to normal levels, according to data compiled by the ministry.

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