

Salmonella control programme in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 2160/2003: results for the year 2013

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As part of the EU-wide salmonella control programme, the member states annually draw up a report on the proportion of *salmonella*-positive flocks for breeding flocks (*Gallus gallus*), laying hens, broilers as well as breeding and fattening turkeys. For this purpose, since 2007 the federal states submit their investigation results to the competent federal authorities for analysis. On the basis of this data, the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) produces the report on the control programme once a year.

In the year 2013, approximately 32,000 poultry flocks were tested in Germany, the majority being broiler flocks (about 22,000 flocks). Compared to the previous year, the data analysis for the year 2013 indicates similar or slightly decreasing *salmonella* prevalence in breeding chickens, broilers and fattening turkeys. Conversely, it shows an increase in the detection rates for laying hens and breeding turkeys.

In terms of the control-relevant serovars, the target value of the Community was reached for the various categories of commercial poultry taken into account in the control programmes. The only exception were breeding chickens.

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