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Salmonella Control Programme - results for the year 2015

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As part of the EU-wide salmonella control programme, the member states draw up an annual report on the proportion of *Salmonella*-positive flocks of breeding poultry (*Gallus gallus*), laying hens, broilers as well as breeding and fattening turkeys. To compile the national report, the federal states have been submitting the results of their investigations to the competent federal authorities for evaluation since 2007. The German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) prepares the report on the control programme every year on the basis of this data.

The evaluation of the data for 2015 shows a marked increase in the detection rate (prevalence) for Salmonella in laying hens compared to the previous year, an upward trend in breeding hens and fattening turkeys, and a stable or declining detection rate in broilers and breeding turkeys. The control targets were reached for the control-relevant *Salmonella* serovars in all included poultry groups. According to Community legislation, Salmonella should be detectable in a maximum of 1% or 2% (laying hens) of the investigated flocks.

More information at the BfR website on the subject of Salmonella

Salmonella A-Z-Index

http://www.bfr.bund.de/en/a-z_index/salmonella-130202.html

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