

# THE FRENCH GENERAL DIRECTORATE FOR FOOD

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## KEY FIGURES

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**2016**





Around **4,800** staff in central administration and decentralised services  
**14,000** State-registered public health veterinarians **30** expert national laboratories and **150** specialist analytical laboratories



**Budget**  
**€ 535 million**

Over **400,000** processing, distribution and catering sites and **500,000** farms to inspect



**Food policy**  
**780,000**

pupils registered to the European «Fruit for break time» programme



**Control of the use and marketing of plant health products**

Number of inspections: **8,000**  
 Number of samples: **1,400**

**55,000** site inspections related to food safety



**Animal health and welfare**

**16,000** inspections related to animal protection

**17,000** inspections related to animal health

**170,000** cattle health inspections.



**Inspection of imported foodstuffs**

- **42,000** batches of animals and animal products
- **47,000** batches of plants and plant products

**10,000**

Shops



**19,000**

Processing and warehouse sites

**14,000**

Commercial catering outlets

**12,000**

Institutional food services



**Analyses planned on foodstuffs**

related to the yearly monitoring program of the contamination of primary production, foodstuffs and pet food:

**62,000**



More than **400,000** sanitary and phytosanitary certificates issued for export to foreign countries.

**75** Meetings and negotiations with foreign delegations



**Food alerts**

**1,080** product alerts and **1,430** incidents of collective food poisoning



**43** legal actions underway at the end of 2016 associated with the work of the National Veterinary and Phytosanitary Investigation Unit