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Japan Declared FMD-Free

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Report Highlights:

On September 26, 2000, the OIE declared Japan a FMD-free country, according to a press release from MAFF. In March 2000 Japanese officials detected the disease in cattle on the southern prefecture of Miyazaki. The FMD situation in Japan is not forecast to significantly change the country's supply of domestic pork or beef in 2000.

Includes PSD changes: No

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Japan's Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (MAFF) announced on September 27, 2000, that the country gained approval as "FMD (Foot and Mouth Disease) free country" at the FMD and Other Disease Committee Meeting in OIE held in Paris, France. The OIE decision to grant Japan FMD free was made on September 26.

In late March 2000, three years after the massive FMD outbreak in Taiwan, the highly contagious disease infected cattle in Korea and Japan. In Japan, strict quarantine measures on livestock were imposed in the area of Miyazaki prefecture where sick feeder calves and beef cows tainted by FMD were found. Following OIE's prescribed waiting period following no outbreaks of FMD in livestock without vaccinations, Japan was granted FMD-free status.

The FMD situation in Japan is not forecast to significantly impact Japan's annual domestic pork or beef supply in 2000. See JA0083 dated August 1 for more details on Japan's livestock sector in 2000.