

China's Food Safety Scares - Timeline 2013

December 19, 2012

CCTV Report says KFC Chickens are being Fattened with Illegal Drugs

"chicken farms had lights turned on around the clock to make the birds eat non-stop and grow faster, [...] Farmers had given at least 18 kinds of antibiotics to chickens so that they would not become ill. A farmer in Gaomi said he would also mix a hormone into the feed and the birds would become so fat that some could not even walk [...]"

South China Morning Post



Source: Edal Anton Lefterov, Wikimedia Commons



Source: USDA

May 3, 2013

China's Food Safety Horror Show Continues: Rat Meat Sold As Lamb On The Black Market

"police have seized 20,000 tons of unsafe meat and broken up 1,721 factories and shops manufacturing and trading in un-inspected meat usually pumped full of illegal preservatives and toxins. One person even died recently after eating illegally-produced lamb riddled with pesticides."

Think Progress

July 26, 2013

How Lax Regulations are Turning China into a Food Safety Nightmare

"On Monday, [...] the official state broadcasting group CCTV released the results of an investigation uncovering that ice served at a Beijing KFC location had 13 times more bacteria than toilet water."

Think Progress

October 23, 2013

The FDA has No Idea Why Jerky Treats Are Killing Hundreds of Dogs

"Federal animal health officials announced Tuesday that Chinese jerky treats have caused a mysterious illness outbreak in more than 3,600 dogs (and ten cats) and the death of about 600 pets."

Time



Source: Noël Zia Lee, Wikimedia Commons

March 15, 2013

What the U.S. Can Learn From China's River Of Dead Pigs

"Chinese officials have pulled 8,354 rotting pig carcasses out of the Huangpu River, eliciting fears of contamination [...] It seems likely that farmers upriver dumped the pigs in the river after they fell ill or died. [...] Farmers will sometimes sell diseased pigs to the black market in order to recoup some of their losses."

Think Progress

May 2, 2013

Over 900 Arrested in China for Meat-Related Crimes

"Crimes also included the production of water-injected meat, the use of chemicals while processing products, as well as the selling of diseased and fake meat"

Xinhuanet



Dead Pig Floating in Chinese Lake

May 3, 2013

Rats! China Chews on New Food Safety Scandal

"Chinese officials arrested 904 people who allegedly sold adulterated and mislabel meat product... Offense included water-injected meat at treating rat, mink, and fox meat with chemicals tin order to pass them off as beef and mutton [...]"

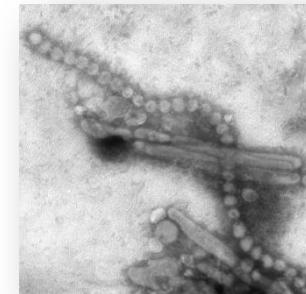
China Real Time, Wall Street Journal

October 1, 2013

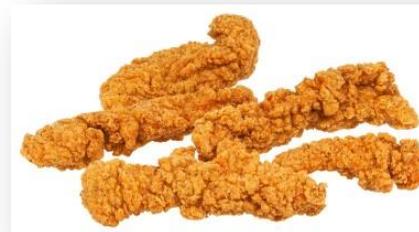
Chinese Chicken, Big Ag's Influence and What We Can Do

"[...] the opening up of our markets to Chinese-processed [...] poultry is a calculated effort to induce China to open its lucrative beef market to U.S. beef, which is presently banned in China due to a mad cow scare in 2003."

The Lunch Tray



H7N9: Avian Influenza Source: CDC



Source: Evan-Amos, Wikimedia Commons

October 18, 2013

Bird Flu's Return in China Seen Sped by New Year Chicken

"The avian flu strain that killed 45 people in Asia last spring is poised to return as poultry flocks swell before Chinese New Year, amplifying the virus that hides undetected in birds[...]In its severest form, the new strain damages the lungs so badly that it causes suffocation even as other vital organs rapidly shut down, doctors in Shanghai reported in April."

Bloomberg