China Food Contamination

Jenny (2,4)  Elinor (3)  Doug (1,5,6)

1)  Sweets, Dairy Grain, Miscellaneous

1)  20% of China’s domestic products did not meet the standards. (2)

1)  More than 80 percent of ascorbic acid, better known as vitamin C and also used as a preservative, comes from China (this is not just a “made in China” problem. It’s a “made with Chinese imports” problem.) (3)

1)  Europe: bacteria in vitamin A. almost went into baby formula. (4)

1)  Japan block tea and spinach imports from China: too much antibiotic residue (5)

1)  wheat gluten and rice protein contaminated with melamine (5)

1)  no wheat contamination found in human grain products (5)

1)  dairy: poor refrigeration has led to problems (5)

1)  some food is being “shipped” in taxis and vans. (5)

1)  Coke set up a plant in China to research traditional medicines and their application to future products (7)

5)  Do the Olympic Games have any influence on short term solutions?

5)  Australia is banned from bringing its own food to the games. They want to bring foods not readily available in China. China wants to increase local profits and prevent banned substances. (1)

5)  Food is being shipped straight from the plant to the Olympic village. (6)

5)  GPS will be used to track travel. (6)

5)  The British Olympic Assoc. and the U.S. Olympic Committee have stated they have no concerns about China’s food supply (Jenny)

5)  The USOC will fly in thousands of tons of meat and other foods to be served to athletes. (Jenny)
6) **What are the present, known, impacts on human health?**

6) tainted wheat supplies (melamine) were the cause of the pet food incident. (4)

6) 13 babies died in a Chinese province when they became severely malnourished from fake formula. (5)

6) antimicrobial agents such as… (Jenny)
   - nitrofuran – banned in U.S., Europe, Japan, and China because it causes cancer in lab rats
   - fluoroquinolone – antibiotics banned in U.S. because it increases resistance to similar antibiotics when ingested

6) - antifungals such as… (Jenny)
   - malachite green- treats parasites, fungal & bacterial infections, in fish and fish eggs (carcinogenic)
   - gentian violet – carcinogenic

6) preservatives such as… (Jenny)
   - formaldehyde
   - borax - gastrointestinal distress, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea, headaches, lethargy

6) pesticides… (Jenny)
   - DDT

6) heavy metals, mercury, flame retardants (Jenny)

6) packaging with CO to make meat/fish appear fresh when it is not (Jenny)
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