

【Agriculture and Forestry Management Entities】

1. Number of Agriculture and Forestry Management Entities

~17.2% decrease~

As of February 1, 2010 there were 1,727,000 agriculture and forestry management entities, which marked a decrease of 17.2% compared to the number five years earlier.

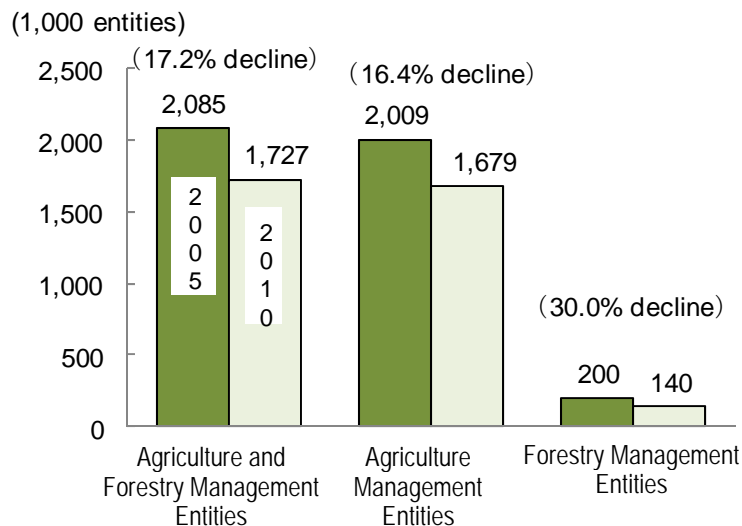
Specifically, there were 1,679,000 agriculture management entities (-16.4% from five years earlier), of which 31,000 were organized management entities (+10.4% from five years earlier.) There were 140,000 forestry management entities (-30.0% from five years earlier), of which 15,000 were organized management entities (-34.9% from five years earlier).

Table 1: Number of Agriculture and Forestry Management Entities (nationwide)

Unit: 1,000 management entities

Classification	Agriculture and Forestry Management Entities	Agriculture Management Entities		Forestry Management Entities	
		Agriculture Management Entities	Organized Management Entities	Forestry Management Entities	Organized Management Entities
2005	2,085	2,009	28	200	22
2010	1,727	1,679	31	140	15
Change (%)	-17.2	-16.4	10.4	-30.0	-34.9

Graph 1: Number of Agriculture and Forestry Management Entities(nationwide)



Note: Entities that manage both agriculture and forestry were included in both of the above two categories (agriculture management entities and forestry management entities).

【Agriculture Management Entities】

1. Number of Agriculture Management Entities

(1) Number of Agriculture Management Entities by Type of Organization

~Increasing number of corporate entities~

There were 1,679,000 agriculture management entities, a decline of 16.4% compared to five years earlier.

When broken down by type of organization, there were 22,000 corporate entities and 1,657,000 non-corporate management entities, of which 1,644,000 were private farms. Compared to five years earlier, the number of corporate management entities increased 13%, non-corporate management entities decreased 16.7% and private farms decreased 16.8%.

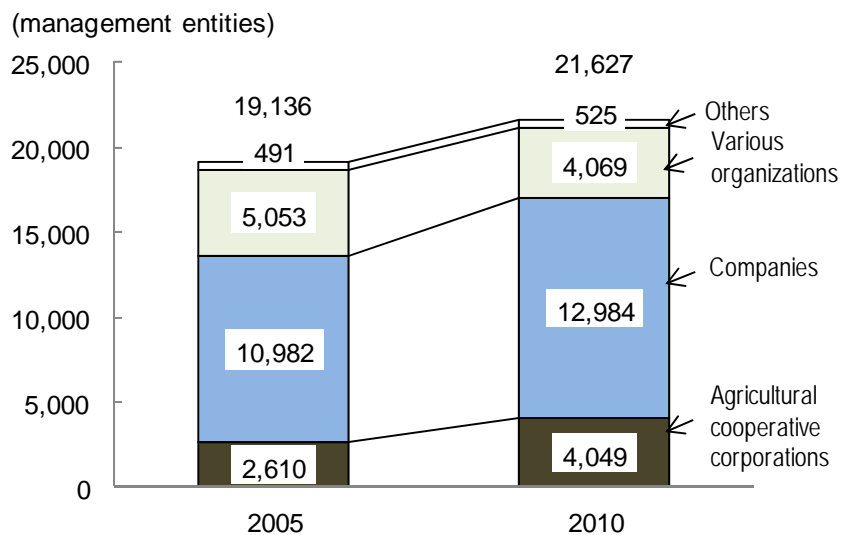
Table 2: Number of Agriculture Management Entities by Type of Organization (nationwide)

Unit: 1,000 management entities

Classification	Agriculture Management Entities	Corporate Management Entities	Local Public Bodies / Property Wards	Non-corporate Entities	
				Private Farms	
2005	2,009	19	1	1,990	1,976
2010	1,679	22	0	1,657	1,644
Change (%)	-16.4	13.0	-33.3	-16.7	-16.8

A further breakdown of corporate management entities shows that compared to five years earlier the number of agricultural cooperative corporations increased by 1,439 (55.1%), the number of companies increased by 2,002 (18.2%) and the number of cooperatives and associations decreased by 984 (19.5%).

Graph 2: Changes in Number of Corporate Agriculture Management Entities (nationwide)



(2) Number of Agriculture Management Entities by Area of Cultivated Land under Management

~Increase in number of entities with more than 5 ha of cultivated land under management among the prefectures except Hokkaido~

Compared to five years ago, prefectures saw an increase in the number of entities with cultivated land under management of more than 5ha. In the case of Hokkaido, there was an increase in the number of entities with cultivated land under management of more than 30 ha. The percentages for these categories are increasing as the scale of farming increases.

Table 3-1: Number of Agriculture Management Entities by Area of Cultivate Land under Management (Hokkaido)

Unit: 1,000 management entities

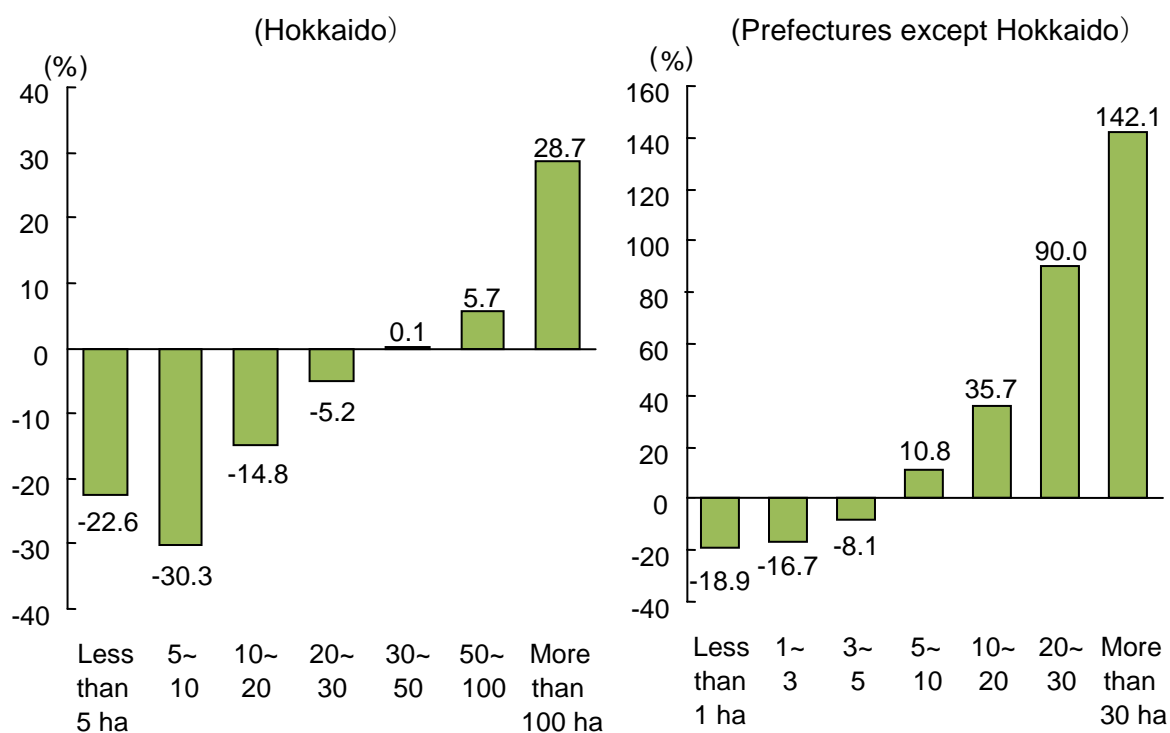
Classification	Total	Less than 5 ha	5~ 10	10~ 20	20~ 30	30~ 50	50~ 100	More than 100 ha
2005	55	16	10	11	6	6	4	1
2010	47	13	7	9	6	6	5	1
Change (%)	-14.8	-22.6	-30.3	-14.8	-5.2	0.1	5.7	28.7

Table 3-2: Number of Agriculture Management Entities by Area of Cultivated Land under Management (prefectures except Hokkaido)

Unit: 1,000 management entities

Classification	Total	Less than 1 ha	1~ 3	3~ 5	5~ 10	10~ 20	20~ 30	More than 30 ha
2005	1,955	1,145	660	95	41	11	2	2
2010	1,633	928	550	87	46	14	4	4
Change (%)	-16.5	-18.9	-16.7	-8.1	10.8	35.7	90.0	142.1

Graph 3: Changes in Number of Agriculture Management Entities by Area of Cultivated Land under Management



(3) Number of Agriculture Management Entities by Type of Farming

~1,180,000 single-farming entities~

When looking at the number of agriculture management entities by type of farming, there were 1,180,000 single farming and 326,000 multiple farming, which represented 13.7% and 17.0% declines, respectively, compared to five years earlier.

There was little change in their respective percentages of the overall number of agriculture management entities with sales.

Table 4: Number of Agriculture Management Entities by Type of Farming (nationwide)

Unit: 1,000 management entities

Classification		Management Entities with Sales	Single-farming	Crop Sector		Sector	Multiple-farming
				Rice			
Results	2005	1,761	1,368	1,306	911	62	393
	2010	1,507	1,180	1,128	773	52	326
Change (%)	2010/2005	-14.4	-13.7	-13.6	-15.2	-15.7	-17.0
Composition (%)	2005	100.0	77.7	74.2	51.8	3.5	22.3
	2010	100.0	78.3	74.9	51.3	3.5	21.6
Change in Composition	2010-2005	-	0.6	0.7	-0.5	-0.1	-0.7

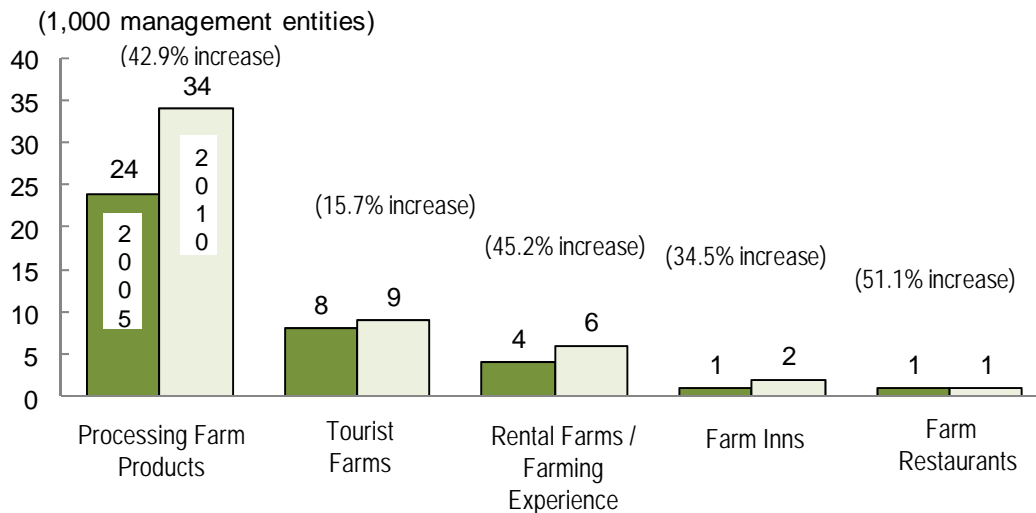
(4) Number of Agriculture Management Entities Adopting Multifaceted Management Approaches

~Large increase in the number of management entities processing agricultural products~

When looking at agriculture management entities conducting agriculture production related activities by types of business, there were 34,000 entities processing agricultural products (+42.9%), 9,000 entities providing tourist farms (+15.7%), 6,000 entities providing rental farms and farming experiences (+45.2%), 2,000 providing farm inns (+34.5%) and 1,000 providing farm restaurants (+51.1%)

[Note: Figures in () are changes compared to five years earlier.]

Graph 4: Agriculture Production Related Business Scale (nationwide, multiple responses allowed)



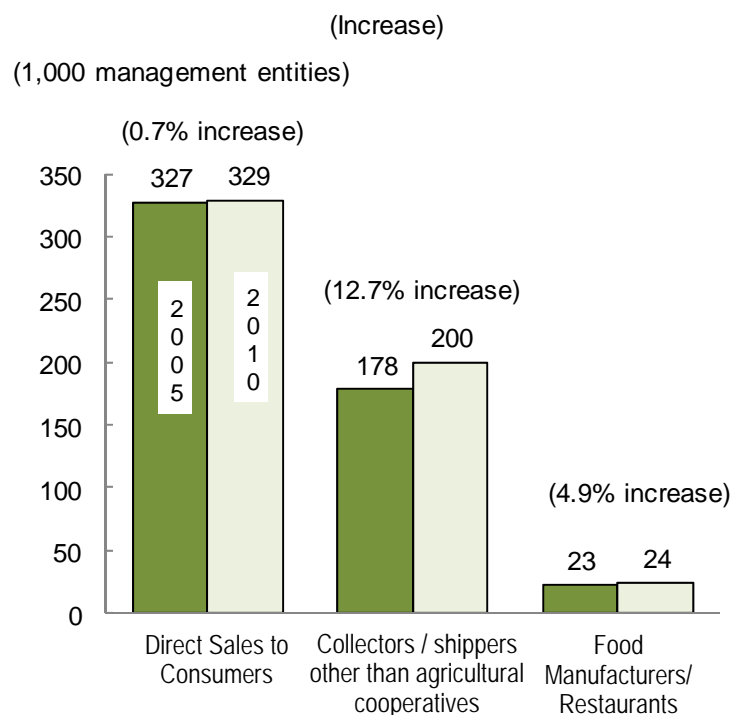
(5) Number of Agriculture Management Entities by Destination for Product Shipments

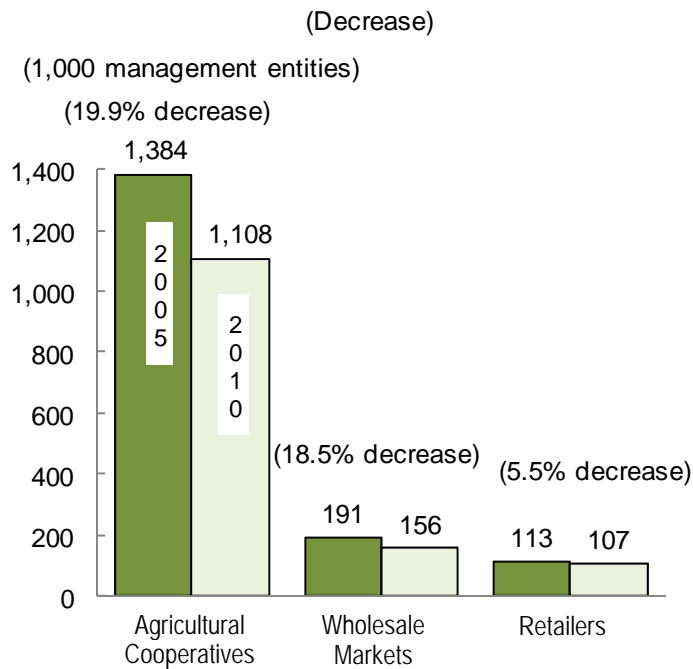
~ Large increase in shipments to collectors/shippers other than agricultural cooperatives ~

When breaking down agriculture management entities by destination for their product shipments, there were 1,108,000 agricultural cooperatives, 329,000 entities selling directly to consumers and 200,000 collectors/shippers other than agricultural cooperatives.

Compared to five years earlier, there were increases of +0.7%, +12.7% and +4.9%, respectively, for entities selling directly to consumers, collectors/shippers other than agricultural cooperatives and food manufacturers/restaurants. During the same five year period there were declines of -19.9%, -18.5% and -5.5%, respectively, for agricultural cooperatives, wholesale marketers and retailers.

Graph 5: Destinations for Product from Agriculture Management Entities (nationwide, multiple responses allowed)





(6) Number of Agriculture Management Entities Adopting Sustainable Agriculture

~ Percentage of management entities adopting sustainable agriculture has increased ~

There were 829,000 agriculture management entities that adopted sustainable agriculture. Specifically, compared to five years earlier there was a 3.1% increase in management entities adopting sustainable agriculture, a 6.2% increase in those reducing their usage of chemical fertilizers, a 3.6% increase in those reducing their usage of agricultural chemicals, and a -1.4% decrease in those using compost in soil preparation.

Table 5: Number of Agriculture Management Entities Adopting Sustainable Agriculture (nationwide)

Unit: 1,000 management entities

Classification		Agriculture Management Entities	Adopting Sustainable Agriculture Approaches	Reducing Usage of Chemical Fertilizers	Reducing Usage of Farm Chemicals	Soil Preparation Using Compost
Results	2005	2,009	931	576	732	584
	2010	1,679	829	585	672	465
Composition (%)	2005	100.0	46.3	28.6	36.4	29.1
	2010	100.0	49.4	34.8	40.0	27.7
Change in Composition	2010-2005	-	3.1	6.2	3.6	-1.4

2. Cultivated Land under Management

~Area of cultivated land under management by agriculture management entities: 3,632,000 ha~

Agriculture management entities held cultivated land under management totaling 3,632,000 ha, which was a decrease of 1.7% compared to five years earlier.

Specifically, the area for paddy fields was 2,046,000 ha, the area for upland fields was 1,372,000 ha and the area for land under permanent crops was 214,000 ha, which represented declines of 1.8%, 0.6% and 6.8%, respectively, compared to five year earlier.

Table 6: Cultivated Land under Management(nationwide)

Unit: 1,000 ha

Classification	Cultivated Land under Management			
	Paddy Fields	Upland Fields	Land Under Permanent Crops	
2005	3,693	2,084	1,380	229
2010	3,632	2,046	1,372	214
Change (%)	-1.7	-1.8	-0.6	-6.8

3. Agricultural Production

(1) Crop

~Planted area for rice: 1,371,000 ha~

When breaking down planted areas owned by agriculture management entities by type of crop for sale, there were 1,371,000 ha for rice, 267,000 ha for wheat, 289,000 ha for vegetables and 163,000 ha for fruits, representing a 1.3% decrease, 8.2% increase, 3.1% increase and 6.8% decrease, respectively, compared to five years earlier.

Table 7: Areas of Cultivation Land by Crops for Sale (nationwide)

Unit: 1,000 ha

Classification	Crop Planted(cultivated) Area							Fruit Tree Cultivation Area
	Rice	Wheat	Potato	Beans	Industrial Crops	Vegetables	Flowers & Ornamental Trees	
2005	1,389	247	91	148	152	281	33	174
2010	1,371	267	92	165	150	289	31	163
Change (%)	-1.3	8.2	0.7	12.1	-1.4	3.1	-4.5	-6.8

(2) Livestock

~Number of Dairy cow: 1,558,000~

The numbers of livestock for sale being bred by agriculture management entities were 1,558,000 dairy cows, 2,496,000 beef cattle and 7,926,000 pigs, which represented declines of 4.5%, 0.4% and 3.1%, respectively, compared to five years earlier.

Table 8: Numbers of Livestock Bred for Sale (nationwide)

Unit: 1,000 heads (birds)

Classification	Livestock Bred for Sale				
	Dairy Cows	Beef Cattle	Pigs	Layers	Broilers
2005	1,631	2,505	8,177	143,536	471,646
2010	1,558	2,496	7,926	149,514	558,111
Change (%)	-4.5	-0.4	-3.1	4.2	18.3

4. Employed Workforce

~Increase in the number of permanently hired worker on farms~

Agriculture management entities had a total of 2,330,000 employees. Among these, 154,000 were considered permanently hired worker on farms (those who have a contract in advance to work at least seven months/year), which was a 19.0% increase compared to five years earlier.

Among the agriculture management entities, the organized management entities had 237,000 employees. Among these employees, 82,000 were permanently hired workers on farms, an increase of 21.4% from five years earlier.

Table 9: Agriculture Employed Workforce Conditions (nationwide)

Unit: 1,000 people

Classification	Agriculture Management Entities					
	Agriculture Management Entities			Organized Management Entities		
	Workers	Regular	Temporary	Workers	Permanently	Temporary
2005	2,410	129	2,281	195	68	127
2010	2,330	154	2,176	237	82	155
Change (%)	...	19.0	21.4	...

Note: In the 2010 census the categories of "temporary hired worker on farm" and "mutual help among farm households/labor exchange/assistants" were lumped together, but they were

viewed as two separate categories in the 2005 census. As such, workers who fell into both categories were counted twice in the 2005 census. Therefore, the number of employees and temporary hired worker on farms in the 2005 census may be excessive compared to numbers in the 2010 census.

5. Partial Farm Work Contract

~ Number of agriculture management entities accepting partial farm work: 130,000~

The number of agriculture management entities consigning farming operations came to 130,000, an increase of 12.9% compare to five years earlier.

Among these, 117,000 entities accepted rice paddy cultivation, 6,000 accepted wheat cultivation and 6,000 accepted soy bean cultivation, which represented increases of 10.6%, 7.8%, and 33.0%, respectively.

Table 10: Consigned Farming (nationwide)

Unit: 1,000 management entities

Classification	Management Entities Accepting Partial Farm Work	Management Entities		
		Rice Paddy	Wheat	Soy Bean
2005	116	106	5	4
2010	130	117	6	6
Change (%)	12.9	10.6	7.8	33.0

【Organized Management Entities (Agriculture)】

1. Number of Organized Management Entities

(1) Number of organized Management Entities by Area of Cultivated Land under Management

~ Growth in number of management entities accelerates as area of land increased for the over 1ha categories ~

When looking at the number of organized management entities by area of cultivated land under management, there was a decline of 18.2% for those entities managing less than 1 ha compared to five years earlier. However, the number of organized management entities grew for those with cultivated land under management of more than 1ha, and grew at faster paces as the scale of the cultivated land increased, as compared to five years earlier.

Furthermore, organized management entities with between 10 ha to 30 ha in cultivated land accounted for 15.8% of the total number of such entities, while those with cultivated land of more than 30 ha accounted for 13.0%. As such, roughly 30% of all organized management entities are in the category of having more than 10 ha in cultivated land under management.

Table 11: Number of Organized Management Entities by Area of Cultivated Land under Management (nationwide)

Classification		Unit: management entities						
		Total	Less than 1ha	1~3	3~5	5~10	10~30	More than 30ha
Results	2005	28,097	18,983	2,137	1,027	1,616	2,571	1,763
	2010	31,008	15,521	2,758	1,395	2,392	4,900	4,042
Change (%)	2010/2005	10.4	-18.2	29.1	35.8	48.0	90.6	129.3
Composition (%)	2005	100.0	67.6	7.6	3.7	5.8	9.2	6.3
	2010	100.0	50.1	8.9	4.5	7.7	15.8	13.0

(2) Number of Organized Management Entities by Size of Sales Value of Agricultural Products

~ Increases in number of management entities at all sales value levels. ~

The number of organized management entities without any sales of agricultural products declined by 25.1% compared to five years earlier. At the same time, the number of organized management entities with sales increased for all sales value levels. In particular, there was an increase of 104.6% for those with sales between 10 million and 50 million yen.

Furthermore, those with sales value between 10 and 50 million yen accounted for 23.0% of all organized management entities, those with sales between 50 million and 100 million yen accounted to 7.0% and those with sales over 100 million yen accounted for 10.7%. As such, those with sales of more than 10 million accounted for about 40% of all organized management entities.

Table 12: Number of Organized Management Entities by Size of Sales Value of Agricultural Products (nationwide)

Classification		Unit: management entities							
		Total	No Produce Sales	Less than 1 million yen	1~ 5 million yen	5~ 10 million yen	10~ 50 million yen	50~ 100 million yen	More than 100 million yen
Results	2005	28,097	15,302	1,515	2,335	1,349	3,486	1,485	2,625
	2010	31,008	11,464	1,863	3,007	2,061	7,134	2,174	3,305
Change (%)	2010/2005	10.4	-25.1	23.0	28.8	52.8	104.6	46.4	25.9
Composition (%)	2005	100.0	54.5	5.4	8.3	4.8	12.4	5.3	9.3
	2010	100.0	37.0	6.0	9.7	6.6	23.0	7.0	10.7

(3) Number of Organized Management Entities by Type of Farming

~ Single farming account for an increasing percentage of the rice sector. ~

When looking at the number of organized management entities by type of farming, there were 14,947 single farming and 4,597 multiple farming, increases of 39.6% and 120.0%, respectively, compared to five years earlier.

Among the organized management entities engaged in single farming, 5,210 were in the rice sector, an increase of 149.6% from five years earlier. The ratio of rice single farming in the total number of organized management entities with sales increased 10.4% compared to five years earlier and the ratio of multiple-crop farms increased 7.2%.

Table 13: Number of Organized Management Entities by Type of Farming (nationwide)

Classification		Unit: management entities						Multiple-Farming
		With Sales	Single-Farming	Crop Sector		Livestock Sector		
				Rice Crop				
Results	2005	12,795	10,705	7,548	2,087	3,157	2,090	
	2010	19,544	14,947	11,454	5,210	3,493	4,597	
Change (%)	2010/2005	52.7	39.6	51.7	149.6	10.6	120.0	
Composition (%)	2005	100.0	83.7	59.0	16.3	24.7	16.3	
	2010	100.0	76.5	58.6	26.7	17.9	23.5	
Change in Composition	2010-2005	-	-7.2	-0.4	10.4	-6.8	7.2	

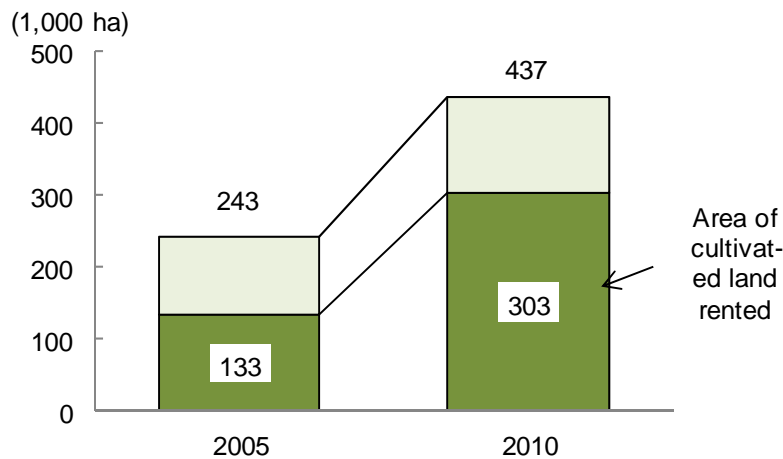
2. Cultivated Land under Management

~Cultivated land rented from others accounted for about 70% of all cultivated land managed by organized management entities.~

Organized management entities had 437,000 ha in cultivated land under management, an increase of 194,000 ha (or 80%) from levels five years earlier. Of this amount, 303,000 ha were cultivated land rented from others, which was an increase of 170,000 (or 127.4%) from levels five years earlier.

Furthermore, cultivated land rented accounted for almost 70% (69.3%) of all cultivated land under management.

Graph 6: Cultivated Land under Management by Organized Management Entities (nationwide)

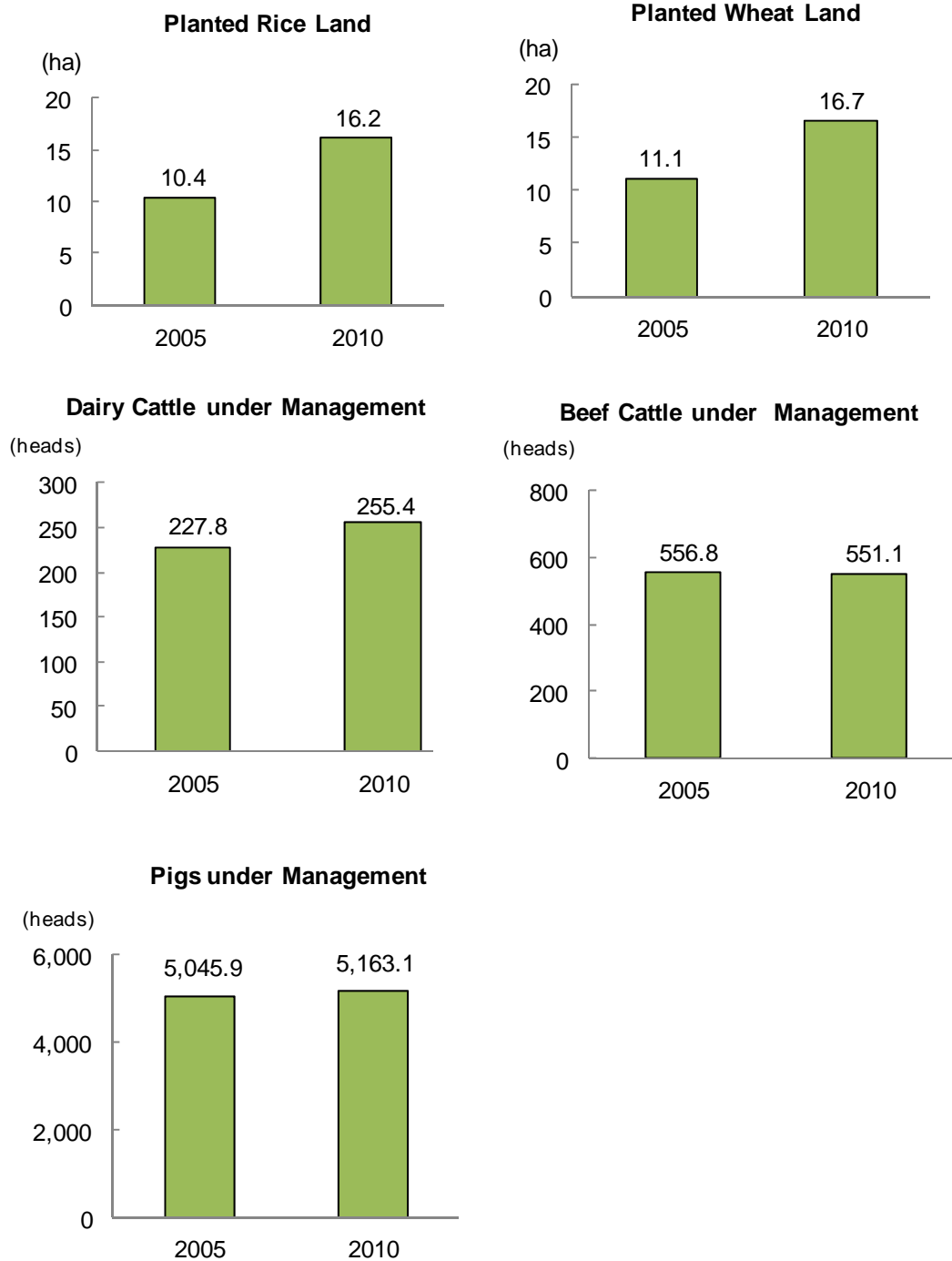


3. Agricultural Production

~Scale of management continues expanding for rice, wheat and dairy sectors.~

When examining the size of operations per organized management entities targeting sales for each sector, the average planted area of rice under management increased 56.6% from five years earlier to 5.9 ha, the average planted area of wheat under management increased 49.6% to 5.5 ha, and the average number of dairy cows under management increased 12.1% to 27.6 heads. Meanwhile, the average numbers of beef cattle and pigs under management were little changed compared to five years earlier.

Graph 7: Changes in Scale of Operations for Organized Management Entities (nationwide)



[Farm Households]

1. Number of Farm Households

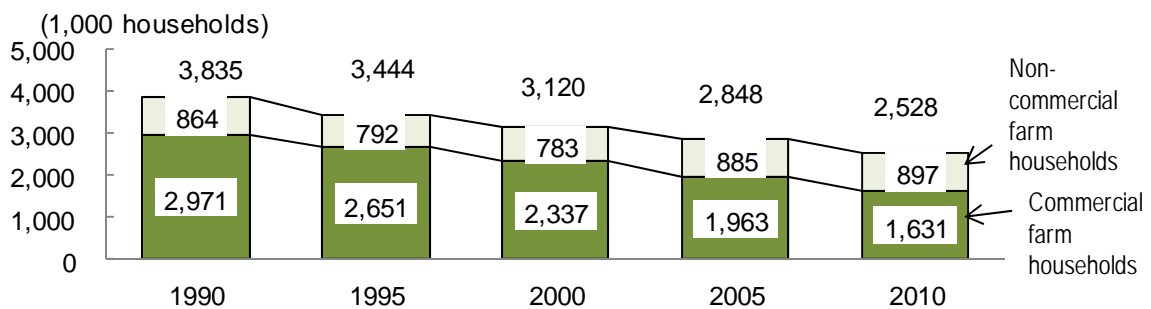
(1) Total Number of Farm Households

~Total number of farm households came to 2,528,000.~

The total number of farm households was 2,528,000, continuing the declining trend started from 1990.

The number of commercial farm households was 1,631,000 and the number of non-commercial farm households was 897,000. These figures represented a decrease of 332,000 commercial farm households (-16.9%) and an increase of 12,000 non-commercial farm households (+1.4%).

Graph 8: Changes in Number of Farm Households (nationwide)

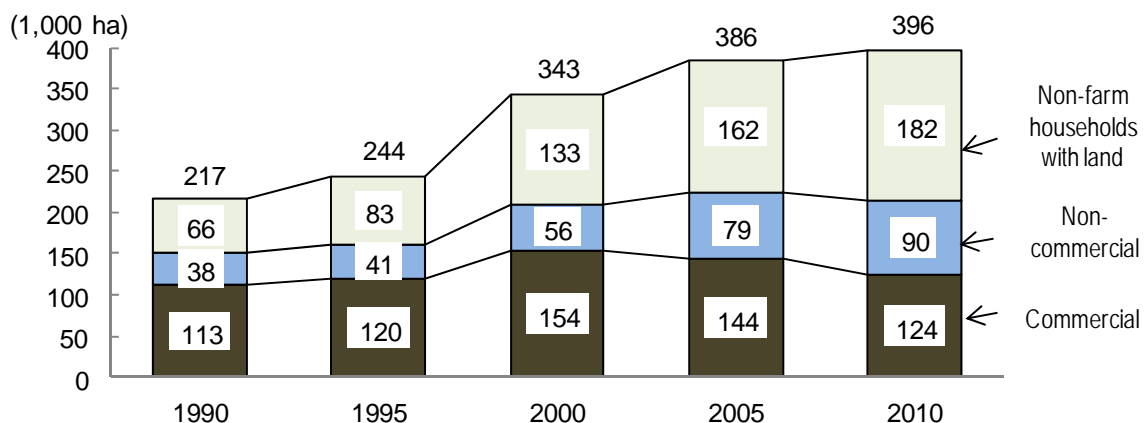


(2) Abandoned Cultivated Land

~The area of abandoned cultivated land increased at a slower pace.~

The amount of abandoned cultivated land for all farm households and non-farm households with agricultural land was 396,000 ha. This represented a 10,000 ha (or 2.6%) increase compared to five years earlier, but the pace of increase slowed.

Graph 9: Changes in Area of Abandoned Cultivated Land (nationwide)



2. Commercial Farm Households

(1) Number of Farm Households by Type of Business

~22.1% of commercial farm households are business farm households.~

When looking at the number of farm households based on type of business, the number of business farm households was 360,000, semi-business farm households was 389,000 and side-business farm households was 883,000, which represented decreases of 16.2%, 12.3% and 19.1%, respectively, compared to five years earlier.

Furthermore, all commercial farm households consisted of 22.1% business farm households, 23.8% semi-business farm households and 54.1% side-business farm households.

Table 14: Number of Farm Households by Type of Business (nationwide)

Unit: 1,000 households

Classification		Total	Business Farm Households	Dedicated workers younger than 65	Semi-business Farm Households	Dedicated workers younger than 65	Side-business Farm Households
Results	2005	1,963	429	370	443	139	1,091
	2010	1,631	360	309	389	137	883
Change (%)	2010/2005	-16.9	-16.2	-16.6	-12.3	-1.2	-19.1
Composition (%)	2005	100.0	21.9	18.9	22.6	7.1	55.5
	2010	100.0	22.1	18.9	23.8	8.4	54.1

(2) Number of Farm Households by Full-Time and Part-Time Status

~Number of full-time farms increased 1.9%.~

When breaking down farm households by full-time and part-time status, there were 451,000 full-time farm households, 225,000 primary part-time farm households and 955,000 secondary part-time farm households, which represented an increase of 1.9% and decreases of 27.2% and 21.2% respectively, compared to five years earlier.

Furthermore, the ratios that make up all commercial farm houses were 27.7% for full-time farm households, 13.8% for primary part-time farm households and 58.6% for secondary farm households.

Table 15: Number of Farm Households by Full-time and Part-time Status (nationwide)

Unit: 1,000 households

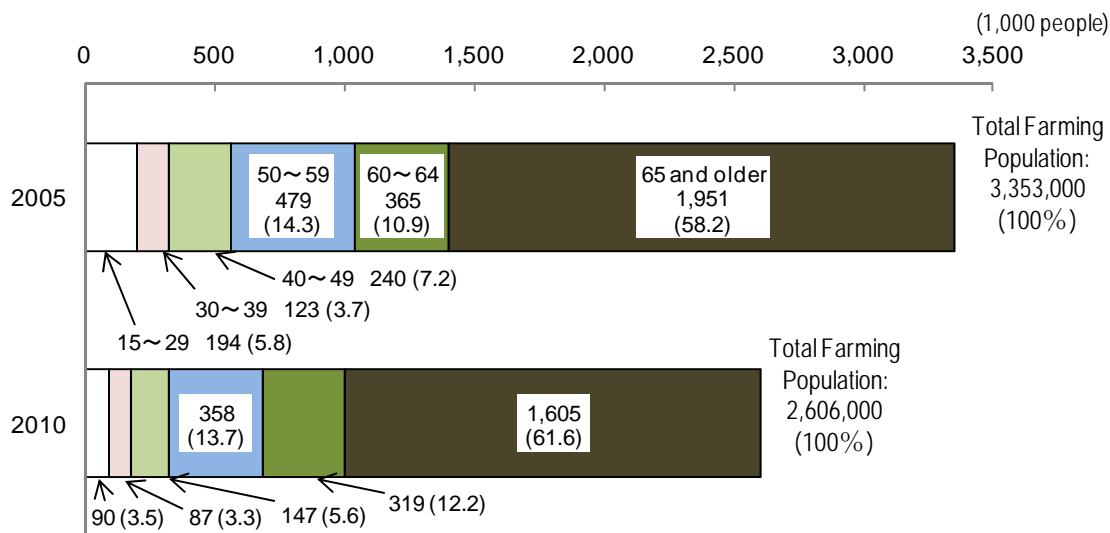
Classification		Total	Full-time farm Household			Part-time Farm Household		
			Sub-total	With working-age males	Without working-age males	Subtotal	Primary	Secondary
Results	2005	1,963	443	187	256	1,520	308	1,212
	2010	1,631	451	184	268	1,180	225	955
Change (%)	2010/2005	-16.9	1.9	-1.5	4.4	-22.4	-27.2	-21.2
Composition (%)	2005	100.0	22.6	9.5	13.1	77.4	15.7	61.7
	2010	100.0	27.7	11.3	16.4	72.3	13.8	58.6

(3) Population Engaged in Farming

~Population engaged in farming: 2,606,000~

The population engaged in commercial farming was 2,606,000 people, a decline of 747,000 workers (22.3%) compared to five years earlier. By age, the number of workers between the ages of 15 and 29 was 90,000, between the ages of 30 and 39 was 87,000, between the ages of 40 and 49 was 147,000, between the ages of 50 and 59 was 358,000, between the ages of 60 and 64 was 319,000, and 65 and older was 1,605,000.

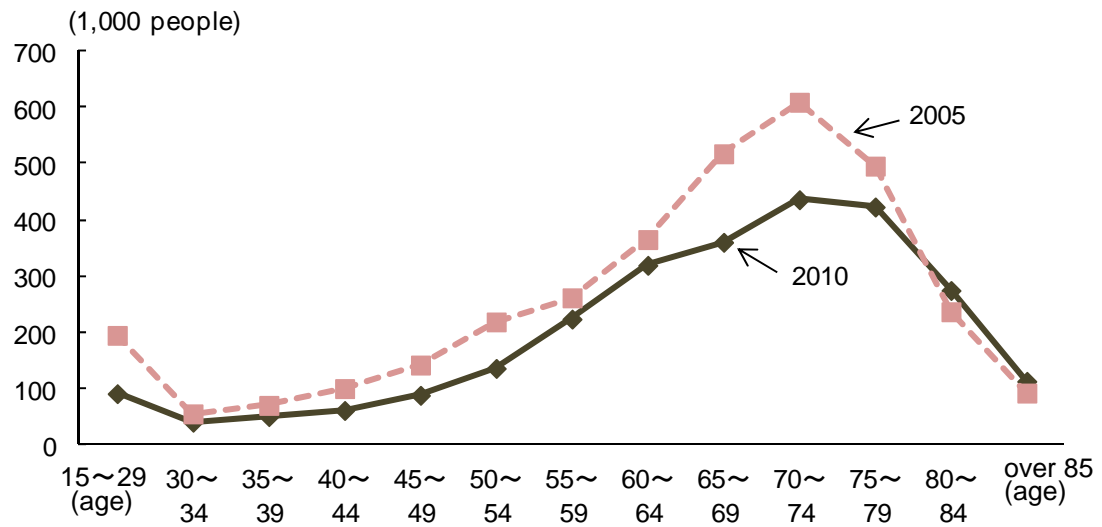
Graph 10: Breakdown of Population Engaged in Farming by Age (nationwide)



Note: Figures in () are percentages of total.

When looking at changes in the population engaged in farming by age, there were big declines compared to five years earlier for those in the 15~29, 65~69, 70~74, and 75~79 age groups.

Graph 11: Changes in Population Engaged in Farming by Age (nationwide)



[Forestry Management Entities]

1. Number of Forestry Management Entities by Type of Organization

~Number of forestry management entities: 140,000~

The number of forestry management entities came to 140,000, a decline of 30.0% compared to five years earlier.

When broken down by type of organization, 3,000 were corporations, 2,000 forest owners' cooperatives and 132,000 non-incorporated organizations, which represented declines of 21.7%, 2.8% and 30.5%, respectively, compared to five years earlier.

Table 16: Number of Forestry Management Entities by Type of Organization (nationwide)

Unit: 1,000 management entities

Classification		Forestry Management Entities	Type of Organization		
			Corporations	Forest Owners' Cooperatives	Non-incorporated Organizations
Results	2005	200	3	2	189
	2010	140	3	2	132
Change (%)	2010/2005	-30.0	-21.7	-2.8	-30.5
Composition (%)	2005	100.0	1.6	1.2	94.6
	2010	100.0	1.8	1.6	94.0

2. Number of Forestry Management Entities by Area of Owned Forest Land

~Number of entities declined for all levels under 1,000 ha.~

Compared to five years ago, there was a slight increase in the number of forestry management entities with owned land exceeding 1,000 ha. However, there were declines in the number of entities for all levels of owned forest under 1,000 ha with the paces of decline increasing as the size of owned forest land becomes smaller.

Furthermore, 31.2% of all forestry management entities were those with less than 5 ha in owned forest land and 29.4% had between 5~10 ha. Thus, roughly 60% of forestry management entities were those with no more than 10 ha each.

Table 17: Number of Forestry Management Entities by Area of Owned Forest Land (nationwide)

Unit: 1,000 management entities

Classification		Total	Less than 5ha	5~ 10	10~ 50	50~ 100	100~ 500	500~ 1,000	More than 1,000ha
Results	2005	200	67	60	61	6	4	1	0
	2010	140	44	41	46	5	3	0	0
Change (%)	2010/2005	-30.0	-35.2	-31.1	-25.3	-22.9	-17.5	-4.5	0.8
Composition (%)	2005	100.0	33.7	29.9	30.7	3.2	2.1	0.3	0.2
	2010	100.0	31.2	29.4	32.7	3.5	2.5	0.3	0.4

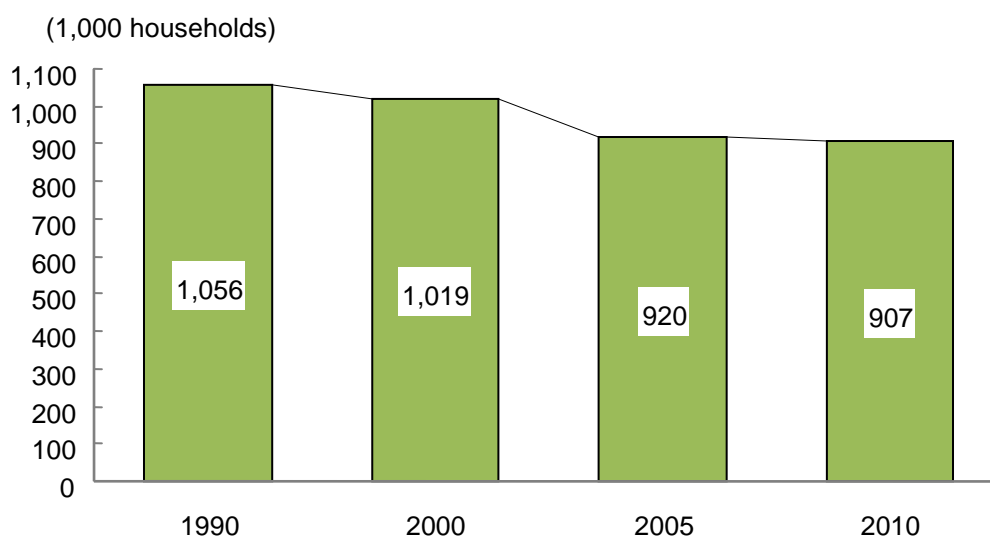
[Forestry Households]

1. Total Number of Forestry Households

~Number of forestry households: 907,000~

The total number of forestry households came to 907,000, continuing the declining trends started from 1990.

Figure 12: Changes in Number of Forestry Households (nationwide)



[Rural Areas]

1. Forest and Grazing Land

(1) Forest and Grazing Land Area

~Forest and grazing land area and forest ratios have not changed much since the previous survey.~

The area of forest and grazing land was 24,850,000 ha, of which 7,220,000 ha were owned by the national government and 17,630,000 ha were privately owned. The forest ratio was 66.6%. These results were little changed from the survey conducted five years earlier.

Table 18: Forest and Grazing Land Area/Forest Ratio (nationwide)

Unit: 10,000 ha

Classification		Forest & Grazing Land Area			Current Forest Area			Forest Ratio
		Total	National	Private	Total	National	Private	
Results	2005	2,486	735	1,751	2,447	721	1,726	66.7
	2010	2,485	722	1,763	2,446	708	1,738	66.6
Change (%)	2010/2005	-0.1	-1.7	0.6	-0.0	-1.8	0.7	-0.1
Composition (%)	2005	100.0	29.5	70.5	100.0	29.5	70.5	-
	2010	100.0	29.1	70.9	100.0	28.9	71.1	-

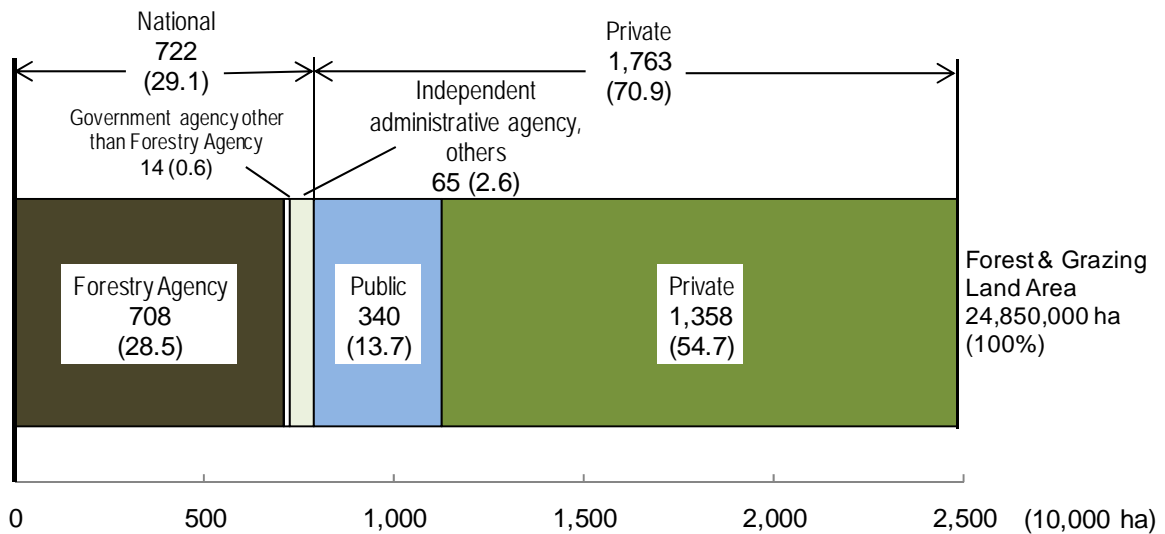
Note: Japan's total land area minus the northern territories (503,635 ha) is used when calculating the forest ratio.

(2) Forest and Grazing Land Area by Type of Ownership

~The largest category was private ownership at 13,580,000 ha.~

When looking at forest and grazing land area by type of ownership, the largest category was private ownership at 13,580,000 ha.

Graph 13: Forest and Grazing Land Area by Type of Ownership (nationwide)



Note: Figures in () are composition ratios (percentages of total).

2. Facilities Utilizing Local Resources (farm stands)

~ There were 16,816 farm stands. ~

The number of farm stands was 16,816. The most common management entity for farm stands, at 82.4%, was the category of "others", which includes individual producers, producer groups and private businesses.

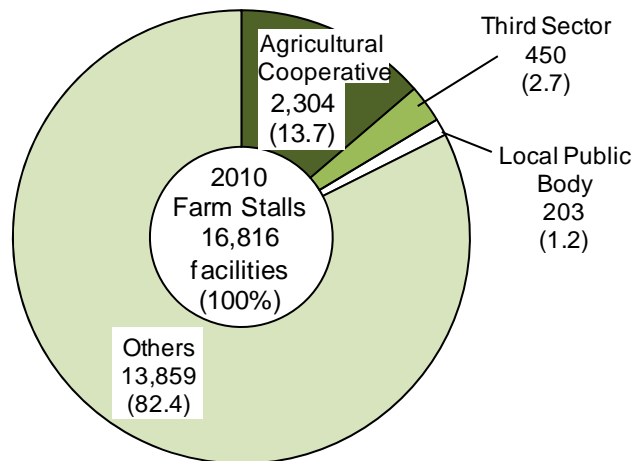
Table 19: Number of Farm Stands (nationwide)

Unit: facilities

Classification	Total	Management Entity			
		Local Public Body	Third Sector	Agricultural Cooperative	Others
2005	13,538
2010	16,816	203	450	2,304	13,859
Change (%)	100.0	1.2	2.7	13.7	82.4

Note: For 2005 values of Rural Communities, totally included in urbanization promotion areas, were not used in the table.

Graph 14: Status of Farm Stand Management Entities (nationwide)



Note: Figures in () are percentages of the total.

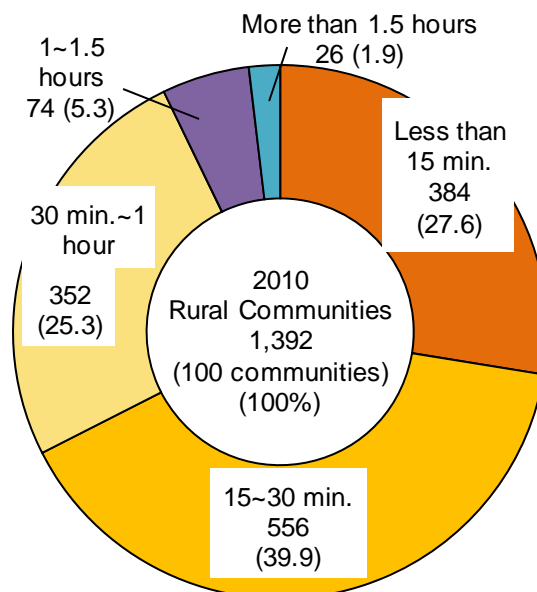
3. Rural Communities

(1) Ratio of Rural Communities by Required Time to DID

~There were 56,000 rural communities located between 15 and 30 minutes from the nearest DID.~

Required time to DID (Densely Inhabited District, according to 2005 Population Census) refers to the time required to travel to the center of the nearest DID from the center of a given rural community using the common mode of transportation. When breaking down rural communities by required time to DID, the most common were those communities between 15 and 30 minutes from a DID at 56,000 communities (39.9%).

Graph 15: Breakdown of Rural Communities by Required Time to DID (nationwide)



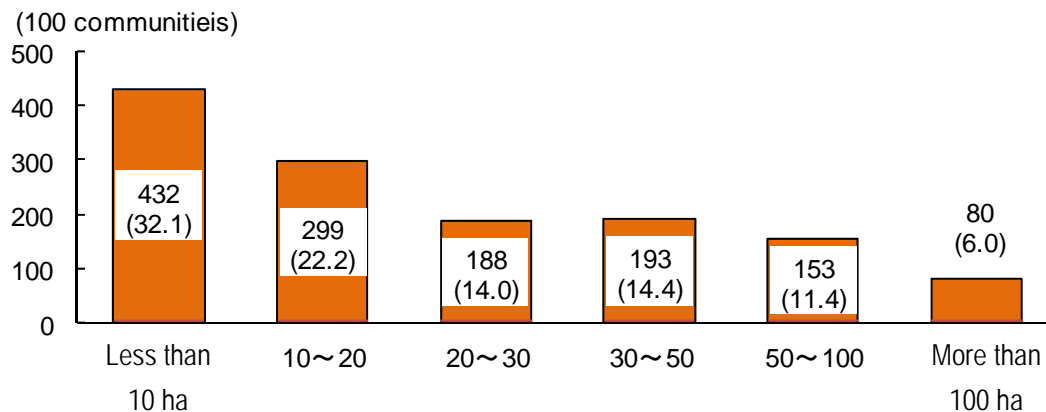
Note: Figures in () are percentages of the total.

(2) Number of Rural Communities by Area of Cultivated Land under Management

~Number of rural communities with cultivated land of 10 ha or less: 43,000~

When looking at rural communities by the area of cultivated land under management, the most common were those with cultivated land under management of no more than 10 ha at 43,000 communities (32.1%).

Graph 16: Number of Rural Communities by Area of Cultivated Land under Management (nationwide)



Note: Figures in () are percentages of the total.

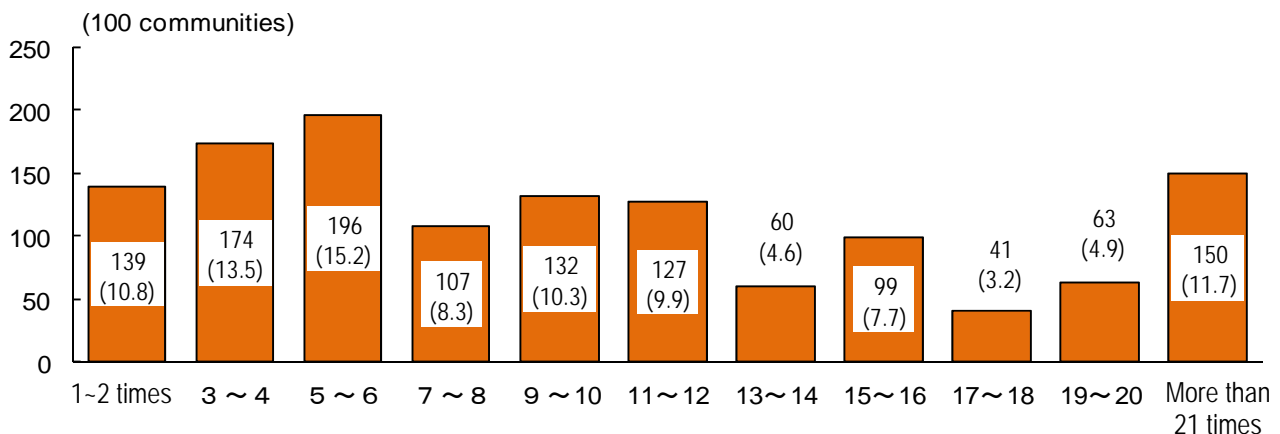
(3) Meetings

~More than 90% of the rural communities hold regular meetings.~

129,000 rural communities (92.5%) held meetings over the past year.

In terms of frequency, 20,000 rural communities held meetings 5~6 times each year, which was the most common pattern (15.2% of all rural communities that hold meetings), followed by 17,000 rural communities held meetings 3~4 times per year (13.5%).

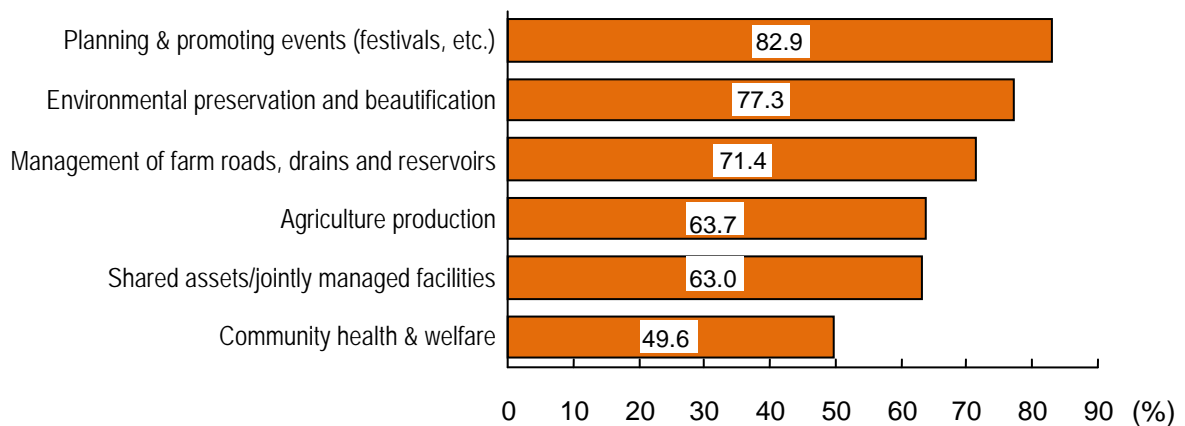
Graph 17: Number of Rural Community Meetings (nationwide)



Note: Figures in () are percentages of the total.

Among those rural communities holding meetings, more than 70% said that the common topics addressed were "planning and promoting rural community events," "environmental preservation and beautification" and "management of farm roads, farm drains and reservoirs."

Graph 18: Percentage of Rural Community Meetings by Topics (nationwide, multiple answers allowed)



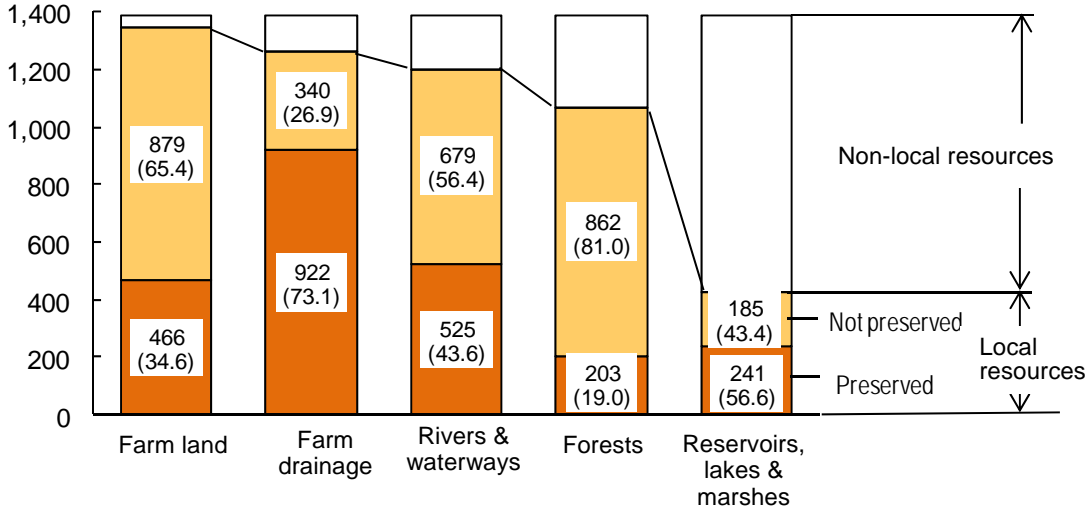
(4) Preservation of Local Resources

~More than 70% of rural communities are maintaining channels for irrigation and farm drainage.~

When looking at the preservation of local resources held by rural communities (agricultural land, forests and reservoirs) by resource, the most commonly preserved resource was "channels for irrigation and farm drainage." 92,000 rural communities are making efforts to maintain these channels, which is equivalent to 73.1% of all communities owning channels for irrigation and farm drainage.

Graph 19: Preservation of Local Resources (nationwide)

(100 communities)



Note: The composition ratio was calculated using the number of Rural Communities with each local resource as 100.0.