

Overview of the Basic policy on the Promotion of Organic Agriculture

- Based on Article 6 of the “Act on the Promotion of Organic Agriculture”, the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries establish the "Basic policy on promotion of Organic Agriculture"(current policies has published in April 2014).

1. Basic matters on the promotion of organic agriculture

- (1) Promoting efforts to facilitate farmer involvement in organic agriculture
- (2) Promoting efforts to facilitate the active involvement of farmers and other parties concerned in producing, distributing or selling agricultural products produced by organic agriculture
- (3) Promoting efforts to enable consumers to easily obtain agricultural products produced by organic agriculture
- (4) Promoting cooperation between organic farmers, parties concerned and consumers
- (5) Respecting the autonomy of farmers and parties concerned

2. Matters Concerning Goals of the Promotion and Dissemination of Organic Agriculture

- (1) Expansion of Organic Agriculture
- (2) Development and systematization of organic agriculture technologies
- (3) Enhancement of extension instruction on organic agriculture
- (4) Increasing consumer understanding of organic agriculture
- (5) Strengthening the promotion system of organic agriculture in prefectures, etc.

3. Matters Concerning Measures on the Promotion of Organic Agriculture

- (1) Support for organic farmers.
 - i) Support for those newly intending to engage in organic agriculture
 - ii) Support for organic agriculture
 - iii) Support for distribution and sales of agricultural products
- (2) Promotion of technological development, etc.
 - i) Promotion of research and development of technologies related to organic agriculture
 - ii) Promotion of dissemination of research and development results
- (3) Increasing consumer understanding and interest
- (4) Increasing mutual understanding of organic farmers and consumers
- (5) Conducting a survey
- (6) Support of the promotional activities of organic agriculture which implemented by other than the state and local governments
- (7) Support for local governments

4. Other Necessary Matters Concerning on the Promotion of Organic Agriculture

- (1) Development of collaboration system among the related organizations / bodies
- (2) Reflection of opinions of organic farmers etc.
- (3) Revision of the basic policy