

I Agricultural and Forestal Management Entities

Explanation

This section contains statistics on agricultural and forestal management entities and community farming, based on the "Census of Agriculture and Forestry", the "Survey on Movement of Agricultural Structure", and the "Survey on Rural Community Farming" conducted by the Statistics Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

The "Census of Agriculture and Forestry", covering all agricultural holdings, had been conducted every five years since 1950 in order to depict the Japanese agricultural structure. Since 2005, it has been conducted as the "Survey on Management Entities of Agriculture and Forestry," which focuses on individual agricultural and forestal production activities (agricultural and forestal management).

The "Survey on Movement of Agricultural Structure" is conducted mainly to ascertain changes in agricultural management entities and factors related to agricultural production in the years when the Census of Agriculture and Forestry is not conducted.

Please note that the data of the Census of Agriculture and Forestry, which is a complete survey, and those of the Survey on Movement of Agricultural Structure, which is a sampling survey, are not necessarily linked to each other.

1 Agricultural and forestal management entities

Agricultural and forestal management entities refer to those who are engaged in the production of agricultural or forestal products, or are commissioned to do agricultural or forestal work on either of the following scales, with regard to area or livestock numbers for production or work.

- (1) Agriculture with sizes of 30 ares and over of cultivated land under management
- (2) Agriculture with sizes over the standards defined in the attached list with regard to planted areas or growing areas of agricultural products, feeding numbers or shipping numbers of livestock, or other businesses
- (3) Forestry with sizes of 3 hectares and over of forest area where the owner can grow or cut trees (excluding cutting of procured standing trees and bamboos only) (hereinafter referred to as "owned forest area") (Only silviculture or cutting trees in an appropriate way) (See page 365, "X Forestry")
- (4) Contract business for agricultural work
- (5) Business for commissioned silviculture or logs production, or business for logs production by buying standing trees (See page 365, "X Forestry")

(Attached list)

Planted land area for vegetables in fields	15 ares
Planted land area for vegetables in a facilities	350 square meters
Planted land area for fruits trees	10 ares
Planted land area for flowers and ornamental plants in fields	10 ares
Planted land area for flowers and ornamental plants in a facility	250 square meters
Number of milking cows	1
Number of fattening cattle	1
Number of pigs	15
Number of layers	150
Number of broiler chickens shipped in one year	1, 000

Others

Business size with total sales amounting to 500,000 yen of agricultural products in the year prior to the survey date.

2 Agricultural management entities

Agricultural management entities refer to those who are engaged in either (1), (2) or (4) among the definitions of agricultural and forestal management entities. Family-run from among the agricultural management entities, refers to agricultural management entities that do business in units of one household (including those corporations consisting of one household).

3 Forestal management entities

Agricultural management entities refer to those who are engaged in either (3) or (5) among the definitions of agricultural and forestal management entities.

4 Cultivated land under management, etc.

Cultivated land under management refers to areas of cultivated land (total area of paddy field, upland field, and land under permanent crops) which agricultural and forestal management entities manage, which excludes leased cultivated land and deserted cultivated land from the total cultivated land that management entities own (owner-farmer's agricultural land remain), plus rented cultivated land.

Deserted cultivated land refers to land which used to be cultivated land which has not been cultivated for more than one year and will not be cultivated again over the next few years. Lands not included are those which have been kept fallow for crop rotation and those with plans for cultivation.

5 Community farming

(1) Survey on Rural Community Farming

The results of the "Survey on Rural Community Farming" conducted by the Statistics Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (As of February 1, 2012).

(2) Survey on Rural Community Farming Activities

The results of the "Survey on Rural Community Farming Activities" conducted by the Statistics Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (As of March 1, 2012).

This survey targets "community farming that is engaged in the production and sales of agricultural products".