

II Farm Households

Explanation

This section contains statistics on farm household, including number of farm households, farm household population, size of cultivated area under management, the number of newcomers in agriculture based on the "Census of Agriculture and Forestry", the "Survey on Movement of Agricultural Structure" and the "Survey on Newcomers in Agriculture" conducted by the Statistics Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

(As for the outline of the "Survey on Movement of Agricultural Structure" and the "Census of Agriculture and Forestry," size of cultivated area under management, and deserted cultivated land, etc., see page 1 "I Agricultural and Forestal Management Entities.")

1 Number of farm households

(1) Farm household

The term of "farm household" used here, refers to a household that operates farming with 10 ares and more of cultivated land on the survey date or a household whose agricultural product sales amount to 150,000 yen and over in a year prior to the survey date, even with its cultivated land being below 10 ares.

(2) Commercial farm household and noncommercial farm household

Since the 1990 Census, the "farm household" has been further divided in two categories: "Commercial farm household" and "Noncommercial farm household"

- a "Commercial farm household" is a farming household with cultivated land under management of 30 ares and over or with annual sales of agricultural products amounting to 500,000 yen and over in the year prior to the survey date.
- b "Noncommercial farm household" is a farming household other than "Commercial farm household" .

(3) Commercial farm households classified by the status farming business

The "Business Farm Household" applied in the statistics on number of Commercial farm households is defined as a farm household whose percentage of agricultural income is more than 50% of the farm household's income and which has one and more family members who was engaged in own farming for 60 days and longer and was under 65 years old. The "Semi-Business Farm Household" is defined as a farm household whose percentage of non-agricultural income accounts for the majority of the farm household's income and which has one and more family members who was engaged in own farming for 60 days and longer and was under 65 years old. The "Side-Business Farm Household" is defined as a farm household which has no family members who was engaged in own farming for more than 60 days and under 65 years old. Family-operated farming covers a whole range, from those "undertaking farm work from other farm" to "family-operated farming on its own."

(4) Commercial farm household classified by full-time and part-time

The "Full-time farm household" applied in the statistics on number of Commercial farm households is defined as a farm household, which has no household member engaged in other jobs than farming.

The "Part-time farm household" is defined as a farming household, which has one and over household members engaged in other jobs other than farming. The "Part-time farm household" is further classified into two classes. The "Farm household earning main income from farming" is defined as a first grade part-time farm household, which earns more from farming than other jobs. The "Farm household which earning main income from other jobs" is defined as a second grade part-time farm household, which earns more from other jobs than farming.

The "Household member engaged in other jobs" is a member, who was employed and engaged in other job (s)

for 30 days and over within the year prior to the survey date, or who was engaged in his /her own non-agricultural business from which he/she has sold 150,000 yen and over (100,000 yen in 1985-1994) within the year prior to the survey date.

2 Farm household members

(1) Farm household members

Those who basically live together. Members include those who are migrant workers but do not include those who live away from household for educational and occupational reasons. This category also excludes hired live-in workers.

(2) Person engaged in farming

Persons engaged in farming refer to members of farm household of 15 years and over of age who engaged in "subsistence farming" in the year prior to the survey date.

(3) Population engaged in farming

The population engaged in farming refers to the number of farm household members engaged in "subsistence farming" (persons engaged in farming) who exclusively engaged in subsistence farming and those who held other jobs in addition to subsistence farming but spent more days in the year prior to the survey date engaged in subsistence farming.

(4) Core persons mainly engaged in farming

Core persons mainly engaged in farming refer to persons among the population mainly engaged in farming who engage in work under normal conditions in the year prior to the survey date.

3 Newcomers in agriculture

The results of the "Survey on Newcomers in Agriculture" conducted by the Statistics Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

"Newcomers" in this survey refer to those who are classified in the three categories as follows:

(1) New Self-employed workers in agriculture

Members of a farm household, whose main working status during the year prior to the survey has changed from "in school" or "mainly work as employed" to "mainly engaged in agriculture as self-employed" .

(2) New Employed workers in agriculture

Persons who have been newly employed by a company (for more than 7 months each year) and who started working in agriculture during the year prior to the survey (Excluding foreign trainees, foreign technical trainees and persons who were already engaged in agriculture before the employment).

(3) New entrants in agriculture

Persons who have newly become managers of their own farms and started farming by obtaining land and funds on their own (except where obtaining their parents' farm land as inheritance or gifts) during the year prior to the survey.