

EXPLANATORY NOTES

- 1 This yearbook is compiled main statistics about the agriculture, forestry and fisheries industry of our country.
- 2 Most of the statistics contained in this yearbook are published until March, 2019, and are shown by prefectures, agricultural regions, or by sea regions.
- 3 This yearbook consists of 19 parts. In each part, statistical items are arranged in appropriate order, and at the beginning of each part an explanation is given. Remarks for each table are given on each page.
- 4 The sources of the statistics are shown on the footnotes in order compiled agencies and the title of the data.

In case that the agencies belong to the national organization, their abbreviated names are as follows:

MAFF: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

MOF: Ministry of Finance

CAO: Cabinet Office

MIC: Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communication

METI: Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

MHLW: Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

GSI: Geospatial Information Authority of Japan

- 5 The word, "Year" in this yearbook is used as a calendar year.

As for special years, namely fiscal year (from Apr. to Mar. next year), fertilizer year and sugar year, notes on the period are given in each table.

Further, when used in each table; for calendar year, the numerals of the year only; fiscal year and for special years, the symbolic names of the year will be indicated after the numerical year.

- 6 Recorded statistics may be corrected after publishing this yearbook, so, when you refer to figures, please make sure of the original data from each of the statistics.

- 7 Because of the relationships with rounding for the statistical figures, there can be the case that the sum of the breakdowns of components would not be a hundred percent and the case that the total figures in the table are not necessarily equal to the breakdowns.

Concerning the numbers of statistics values, the area of cultivated land, the volume of crop production, the number of households raising livestock and the number of livestock are rounded off by the following method.

- (1) The area of cultivated land, the volume of crop production and the number of farm households raising livestock

Original number		7 digits or more (million or more)	6 (one hundred thousand)	5 (ten thousand)	4 (thousand)	3 digits or less (hundred or less)
Rounded digit		3	2	2	1	not rounded
Example	Before rounded	1,234,567	123,456	12,345	1,234	123
	After rounded	1,235,000	123,500	12,300	1,230	123

- (2) The number of livestock

Original number		7 digits or more (million or more)	6 (one hundred thousand)	5 (ten thousand)	4 digits or less (thousand or less)
Rounded digit		3	2	2	1
Example	Before rounded	1,234,567	123,456	12,345	1,234
	After rounded	1,235,000	123,500	12,300	1,230

- 8 The following symbols are used in this yearbook as in the following meanings:

0、0.0 : below unit

… : figures not available

x : figures not made public in order to protect information pertaining to persons, corporations or other organizations

— : figures not applicable

∴ : figures not published

△ : minus

nc : no calculation

9 Results of surveys conducted for 2 and under survey subjects are marked with an "x" by reason of keeping confidentiality of the said results.

In cases when the said results could be ascertained by subtracting from the total, even results which need not normally to be subject to confidentiality measures are marked with an "x."

10 The name of prefectures included in respective agricultural regions are shown in the following table.

Agricultural Region	Prefecture
Hokkaido	Hokkaido
Tohoku	Aomori, Iwate, Miyagi, Akita, Yamagata, Fukushima
Hokuriku	Niigata, Toyama, Ishikawa, Fukui
Kanto-Tosan	Ibaraki, Tochigi, Gunma, Saitama, Chiba, Tokyo, Kanagawa, Yamanashi, Nagano
Tokai	Gifu, Shizuoka, Aichi, Mie
Kinki	Shiga, Kyoto, Osaka, Hyogo, Nara, Wakayama
Chugoku	Tottori, Shimane, Okayama, Hiroshima, Yamaguchi
Shikoku	Tokushima, Kagawa, Ehime, Kochi
Kyushu	Fukuoka, Saga, Nagasaki, Kumamoto, Oita, Miyazaki, Kagoshima
Okinawa	Okinawa

11 Sea Region

"Sea region" refers to the region classified (by coastal district, not by fishing area), and is determined in consideration of natural conditions, including oceanic conditions, weather, and fishery resource conditions, in order to clarify the actual conditions of fisheries by region, as well as to facilitate comparison among regions.

- ① Boundary between Shari-cho, Shari-gun, and Rausu-cho, Menashi-gun, in Hokkaido
- ② Boundary between Matsumae-cho and Fukushima-cho, Matsumae-gun, in Hokkaido
- ③ Boundary between Sai-mura, Shimokita-gun and Mutsu-shi in Aomori Prefecture
- ④ Boundary between Chiba and Ibaraki Prefectures
- ⑤ Boundary between Wakayama and Mie Prefectures
- ⑥ Boundary between Mihama-cho and Hidaka-cho, Hidaka-gun in Wakayama Prefecture
- ⑦ Boundary between Minami-cho, Kaifu-gun, and Anan-shi in Tokushima Prefecture
- ⑧ Boundary between Yawatahama Fishing District and Kawanoishi Fishing District, Yawatahama-shi in Ehime Prefecture
- ⑨ Boundary between Saganoseki Fishing District and Kouzaki Fishing District, Oita-shi in Oita Prefecture
- ⑩ Boundary between Kagoshima and Miyazaki Prefectures
- ⑪ Boundary between former Moji Fishing District and Tanoura Fishing District, Kitakyushu-shi, in Fukuoka Prefecture
- ⑫ Boundary between Shimonoseki Fishing District and Dannoura Fishing District, Shimonoseki-shi, in Yamaguchi Prefecture
- ⑬ Boundary between Yamaguchi and Shimane Prefectures
- ⑭ Boundary between Ishikawa and Toyama Prefectures

Note: Concerning each municipality, comments are as of January 1, 2016.

Hokkaido Pacific Ocean, North: Municipalities located between ① and ② (on the Pacific Ocean side)

Pacific Ocean, North: Municipalities located between ③ and ④

Pacific Ocean, Middle: Municipalities located between ④ and ⑤

Pacific Ocean, South: Municipalities located between ⑤ and ⑥, ⑦ and ⑧, and ⑨ and ⑩ (on the Pacific Ocean side)

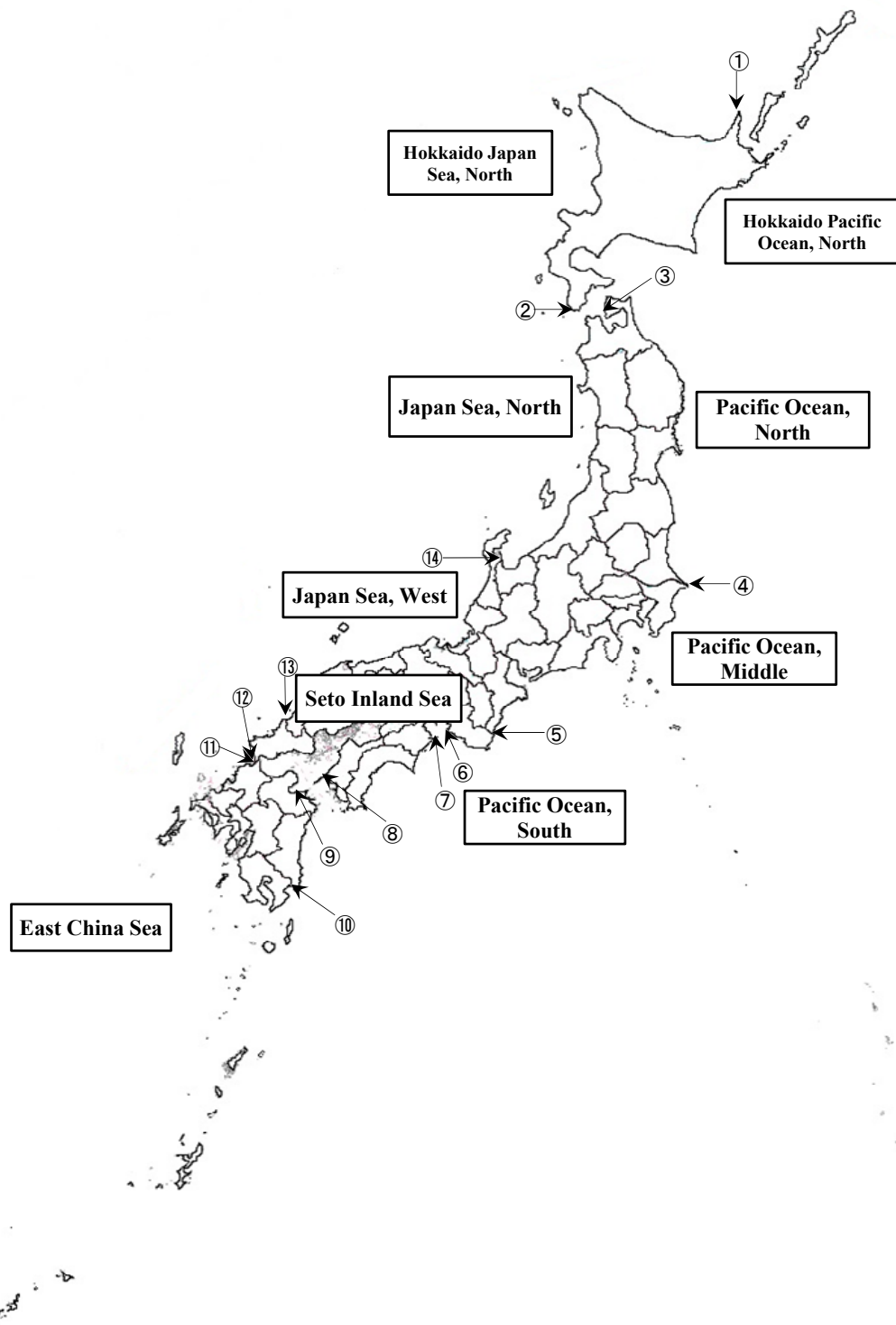
Hokkaido Japan Sea, North: Municipalities located between ① and ② (on the Japan Sea side)

Japan Sea, North: Municipalities located between ③ and ⑭

Japan Sea, West: Municipalities located between ⑬ and ⑭

East China Sea: Municipalities located between ⑩ and ⑪, and ⑫ and ⑬ (on the East China Sea side), and Okinawa Prefecture

Seto Inland Sea: Municipalities located between ⑥ and ⑫, ⑦ and ⑧, and ⑨ and ⑪ (on the Seto Inland Sea side)



12 Generally, the data of China does not include the data of Hong Kong (returned to China in July 1997), Macau (returned to China in December 1999), nor Taiwan.

13 Data in this yearbook can also be accessed through the MAFF Statistical Yearbook homepage:
<http://www.maff.go.jp/e/data/stat/index.html>

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【 <https://www.contactus.maff.go.jp/j/form/tokei/kikaku/160815.html> 】 (Japanese only)