

# X Rural Areas

## Explanation

Statistics on rural communities, conservation of resources and the environment, private farmlands, direct payment to farmers in hilly and mountainous areas, crop damage, and wildlife resources utilization are recorded in this part.

### 1 Rural Communities

"The Census of Agriculture and Forestry" by the Statistics Department of MAFF is recorded.

#### (1) Rural Communities

They mean rural society within the municipal area based on agriculture. A rural community is a fundamental unit of social life that formed various groups and social relationships, which was originally spontaneously established in local communities with ties in the territorial and blood relationship.

#### (2) DID (Densely Inhabited District)

Densely Inhabited District (DID) is the district which is composed of a group of contiguous Population Census enumeration districts each of which has a population density of 4,000 inhabitants and over per square kilometer, and whose combined population of the contiguous districts exceeds 5,000, as referred to in the "Population Census of 2010" by MIC.

#### (3) Required Time to DID

These are required time to travel to the center of the nearest DID from the center of a given rural community by public transportation system (cars, buses, trains, and others). And required time, via sea or air routes, to travel from rural communities in remote islands is also included.

### 2 Conservation of Resources and Environment

"The Census of Agriculture and Forestry" by the Statistics Department of MAFF is recorded.

### 3 Public Farmland

The data from the Rural Development Bureau of MAFF is recorded.

This is compiled the number of public farmland and their areas created under "the Act on the Promotion for Development of Private Farmland for Community Use", "the Act on Special Cases of the Agricultural Land Act Concerning Specific Agricultural Land Leases" and "the Act on Facilitating the Leasing and Renting of Urban Agricultural Land".

### 4 Operation of the Direct Payment for Hilly and Mountainous Areas

"Current Status of the Direct Payment for Hilly and mountainous Areas" by the Rural Development Bureau of MAFF is recorded.

This is complied information concerning how that operation is executed.

Further, the direct payment for hilly and mountainous areas refer to the system which is enacted in order to prevent occurrence in an abandoned cultivated land, and to secure the multilateral function by the continuation which are agricultural production activities in the hilly and mountainous areas.

### 5 Crop Damage

#### (1) Damage of Paddy Field Rice

"Statistics on Crop" by the Statistics Department of MAFF is recorded.

a. Damaged Area

This refers to an area in which paddy field rice is damaged, resulting in a decreased production from the total estimated production that could have been harvested when it is assumed that no such damage had occurred.

b. Damaged Quantity

This refers to the amount of decreased production from the total estimated production that could have been harvested when it is assumed that no damage has been caused as a result of factors such as a disaster, over the period from when the cultivation of paddy field rice started to when it is harvested.

(2) Crop Damage by Wild Birds and Animals

"Nationwide Survey of Crop Damage" by the Rural Development Bureau of MAFF is recorded.

This data is compiled on the basis of reports from the prefectures.

6 Wildlife Resources Utilization

"Fact-finding Survey on Wildlife Resources Utilization" by the Statistics Department of MAFF is recorded.

This survey was conducted for the purpose of ascertaining the current status of dealing with wild birds and animals and obtaining data necessary for calculating the size of the meat market, thereby compiling basic data for properly planning and promoting measures for increasing utilization of wild birds and animals as edible meat, as part of the measures to prevent crop damage by wild birds and animals.