

## XVIII Cooperatives and Associations of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

### Explanation

Statistics on agricultural cooperatives, forest owners' cooperatives, fishery cooperatives, and female participation status in agricultural commissions, etc. are recorded in this part.

Brief explanations for respective statistics are as follows:

#### 1 Agricultural Cooperatives

"Statistics on Number of Agricultural Cooperatives" by the Management Improvement Bureau of MAFF is recorded.

This is conducted to grasp the situation of the current establishment current as of the end of the fiscal year, merger and dismissal, etc. in agricultural cooperatives, federation of agricultural cooperative associations, and agricultural producers' cooperative corporation.

##### (1) Agricultural Cooperatives

It means cooperatives that are established for the purpose of having increase of the agriculture production capacity and agriculture, and contributing to development of the national economy.

##### (2) Federations

It means cooperatives that are established to plan unification and the harmony between cooperatives with supplement to the function of the association as a member at Agricultural Cooperatives, etc.

#### 2 Forest Owners' Cooperatives

"Statistics on Forest owners' forestry cooperatives" by the Forestry Agency of MAFF and "Statistics on Federation of forest owners' forest by the National Federation of Forest owners' Cooperative Associations are recorded.

"Statistics on Forest owners' forestry cooperatives" is conducted to clarify the actual situation of the organization in the forestry cooperative and the production forestry cooperative and the reality over the execution system, the finance and business in general of the whole country.

##### (1) Forest Owners' Cooperatives

It means cooperative organizations that are established to perform business about maintenance and forestry of the forest jointly based on the Forestry owners' Cooperative Association Act.

##### (2) Forestry Production Owners' Cooperatives

It means cooperative organizations that are established to perform forestry business based on the Forestry Owners' Cooperative Association Act. Its business is executed by the forestry owners under the philosophy of combining the possession, management and labor with regard to the forestry management.

##### (3) Federations

It means cooperative organizations that are established to secure the advantage of a large-scale management which is difficult to do on a usual Forest Cooperation scale.

#### 3 Fishery Cooperatives

"Annual Report of Fishery Cooperatives" by the Fisheries Agency of MAFF is recorded.

This is conducted to grasp the actual situation of organization, business results, financial affairs, and profit

and loss in fishery cooperatives.

(1) Fishery Cooperatives

It means fishery cooperatives to be prescribed by Chapter 2 in Fisheries Cooperative Associations Act.

(2) Fishery Production Associations

It means fishery production associations to be prescribed by Chapter 3 in Fisheries Cooperative Associations Act.

(3) Fishery Processing Cooperatives

It means fishery processing cooperatives to be prescribed by Chapter 5 in Fisheries Cooperative Associations Act.

(4) Federations

It means federations of fishery to be prescribed by Chapter 4 in Fisheries Cooperative Associations Act, federations of fishery processing cooperatives to be prescribed Chapter 6 in Fisheries Cooperative Associations Act, and federations of fishery mutual cooperatives to be prescribed by Chapter 6-2 in Fisheries Cooperative Associations Act.

4 Female Participation Status in Agricultural Commissions, Agricultural Cooperatives, and Fishery Cooperatives

The data from the Management Improvement Bureau of MAFF and the data from the Fisheries Agency of MAFF are recorded.

Agricultural commissions mean the administrative committee established in towns and villages to execute business about the dealing of farmland.

And the commissions deal concerning farmland in particular, for example, they give permission to sell and buy or loan farmland based on the Farmland Act, submit reports about farmland diversion, investigate and guide about idle farmland.