

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

### Explanation

Statistics on agricultural cooperatives, forest owners' cooperatives, fishery industry 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' Cooperatives" is conducted to clarify the actual situation of the organization in the forest owners' cooperative and the forest producers' cooperative and the reality over the execution system, the finance and business in general of the whole country.

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

It means cooperatives that are established to develop the forest owners' economy, to conserve forests, and to increase the forest production capacity, based on the Forestry Owners' Cooperative Association Act.

##### (2) Forest Producers' cooperatives

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

##### (3) Federations

It means cooperatives that are established with Forest Owners' cooperatives as members, to guide and coordinate these cooperatives, and to serve as a supplement to their functions.

#### 3 Fishery Industry Cooperatives

"Annual Report of Fishery Industry 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 industry cooperatives.

(1) Fishery Cooperatives

It means fishery cooperatives to be prescribed by Chapter 2 in Fishery Industry Cooperative Act.

(2) Fishery production cooperatives

It means fishery production cooperatives to be prescribed by Chapter 3 in Fishery industry Cooperative Act.

(3) Marine Product Processing Industry Cooperatives

It means marine product processing industry cooperatives to be prescribed by Chapter 5 in Fishery industry Cooperative Act.

(4) Federations

It means federation of fishery cooperatives to be prescribed by Chapter 4 in Fishery industry Cooperative Act, federation of marine product processing industry cooperatives to be prescribed by Chapter 6 in same Act, and a mutual aid insurance federation of fishery industry cooperatives to be prescribed by Chapter 6-2 in same 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.