Collection of Examples of Organic Agriculture Promotion Efforts (1)

Examples of efforts from various regions around Japan that are posted on the MAFF website

















Collection of Examples of Organic Agriculture Promotion Efforts (2)

Regional case studies and inspection points for converting farming methods that are posted on the MAFF website







For more details↓



Examples of "Creating Bases for Organic Business Practices"

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Kochi Organic (Kochi City, Motoyama Town, and other areas in Kochi Pref.)

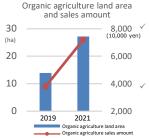
(Initiative characteristics)

- Soil analysis Holding technical seminars
- · Understanding intentions of actual users · Survey of demand

system technical seminar

Held exchanges of opinions between producers and actual users, meetings to coordinate cultivation items, and surveys to understand the intentions of actual users and market demand. New, dedicated sales

(Initiative results)



2019: 13.9 ha and 37.90 million yen 2021: 27.2 ha and 72.00 million yen

《Initiative key points》

Established practice farmland and training farmland, and held soil analysis and technical seminars. Held workshops to promote understanding of the Organic JAS certification system and to improve soil quality.

corners have been set up in 15 supermarkets.

Nature-friendly Village Development Liaison Council (Isumi City, Chiba Pref.)

(Initiative characteristics)

- Improving organic rice yields
- Establishing supply systems for organic vegetables, etc.

organically grown rice

(Initiative results) 《Initiative key points》 Organic agriculture land area and sales amount 3,500 (10,000 yen) √ (ha) 20 3.000 10 2.500 2.000 2020

2019: 23.75 ha and 26.00 million yen 2020: 29.38 ha and 34.00 million yen

Organic agriculture sales amount

Cultivation trials were conducted on farmland where organic rice is grown, and yields increased by 20%. As high, stable yields were expected, cultivation area was expanded by 9% in 2020 and 24% in 2021.

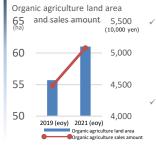
Following the use of 100% locally grown organic rice for school lunches, a supply system for locally grown organic vegetables was established in collaboration with local direct sales locations.

Kyoto Organic Action Council (Kyoto Pref.)

《Initiative characteristics》

- Operating joint logistics services and agricultural production sales plans • Transaction data sharing
- Opinion exchanges and mutual visits between producers and actual users, etc.

《Initiative results》



2018: 55.7 ha and 44.79 million ven 2020: 61.0 ha and 50.79 million yen

《Initiative key points》

Using Farm0, 30 of the 80 members share production and order status, and actual users jointly purchase products.



▲ Creating a collection point

Member businesses collaborated and started setting up collection stations and operating of shared logistics services, aiming to reduce logistics costs and labor.

Miyazaki Prefecture Organic Agriculture Promotion Council (Miyazaki Pref.)

《Initiative characteristics》

- Held technical training sessions for each item
- Conducted surveys on organic farming amongst farmers in the prefecture to clarify issues

▲ Training session

《Initiative results》

Organic agriculture (ha) land area 100 2019 2020

2019: 64.6 ha

2020: 85.9 ha

《Initiative key points》

- Held technical training sessions by item and theme for organic farmers and farmers interested in organic farming in the prefecture.
- Researched advanced examples of organic farming and compiled a collection of case studies.



▲ Discussion session at a local farm

Surveyed farmers in the prefecture about organic agriculture, and clarified that the current challenge lies in promoting understanding by and advertising to customers.

Examples of "Support Projects for Acquiring Organic JAS Certification"

See here for a collection of examples from around Japan



Yamaki Jozo Co., Ltd. (Kamikawa Town, Saitama Pref.)

(Initiative characteristics)

- Trialed products suitable for overseas shipping
- Expanding sales channels through business meetings with local importers, etc.

《Initiative results》



《Initiative key points》



Working on developing products such as miso sauce that are easy for overseas people to use, and have provided prototypes to buyers in various countries, which have been

Have created packaging that complies with export destination regulations, and plan to obtain Organic JAS certification.

In 2018, had business meetings with local importers in Australia, France, Germany, Denmark, Belgium, and the Netherlands, Also exhibited at the Japan Food Export Expo (Makuhari). Have had a total of 235 business meetings and have expanded sales channels.

Hikari Foods Co., Ltd. (Kamiita Town, Itano-gun, Tokushima Pref.)

(Initiative characteristics)

Trends in export value

- · Created products that match overseas demand
- Expanding exports of Organic JAS certified condiments such as ponzu, soy sauce, and sauces

(Initiative results)

《Initiative key points》

- Creating products that match demand by exhibiting at export trade fairs and visiting overseas buyers to directly hear their requests and opinions.
- Holding business meetings with local importers in Australia, the UK, Belgium, and Singapore. Currently negotiations are underway to export large quantities of organic seasonings, such as organic ginger hot sauce and organic ponzu sauce.



hot sauce

(Takachiho Town, Miyazaki Pref.)

(Initiative characteristics)

- Initiatives to expand exports of organically certified dried shiitake mushrooms, etc.

Sugimoto Shoten Organic Shippers Council

- · Acquired organic JAS certification for vegans in response to overseas demand

(Initiative results)

Trends in export volumes of dried shiitake mushroom products 8.000 7,000 6,000 5,000 4.000 3,000

《Initiative key points》

- After conducting surveys of actual overseas users, found that there was demand from vegans, so newly obtained Organic JAS certification.
- In order to expand exports of organically certified dried shiitake mushrooms, actively participated in domestic and international exhibitions, and increased exports by more than 10x in two years.



▲ Presenting at an exhibition

Kagoshima Organic Farmer's Association

(Kagoshima City, Kagoshima Pref.)

2017 2018 2019

(Initiative characteristics)

- Expanding exports of organic produce from the prefecture
- Developed products for export, such as frozen baked sweet potatoes and organic baby food

《Initiative results》



《Initiative key points》

Actively participated in business meetings both domestically and abroad, and have expanded demand and are successfully exporting 20 agricultural products to Hong Kong. With an eye on overseas demand, are developing products for export, such as frozen baked sweet potatoes and organic baby food.





Outstanding Examples of Organic Farming Initiatives 2023 Promoting Sustainable Agriculture for the Future Contest



(Organic Agriculture/Environmentally Friendly Agriculture Category)

MAFF Minister's Award

Oyano Organic Farm Products Supply Center Agricultural Cooperative Association (Kamiamakusa City, Kumamoto Pref.)

- The Oyano Organic Association was established in 1984 by seven citrus producers. In 1992, an agricultural producer's cooperative corporation was established, and the union district and production base were expanded throughout the prefecture.
- Organic and special cultivation is carried out on all production farmland, and 9 hectares of this have obtained Organic JAS certification.
- At the cooperative's organic fertilizer production facility, they produce bokashi fertilizer (Organic JAS compliant) from local resources such as rice bran, fish meal, and chicken manure, and sells it to members.
- In order to supply high-sugar content and high-quality organic farm products, the cooperative has installed a citrus optical sensor sorting machine and a collection and shipping facility.



Products: Citrus, onions, carrots, etc. approx. 9 kinds of fruits and vegetables

Land area: 50 ha (approx. 11 ha organic)

Members: 88



Crop Production Bureau Director-General's Award

Saku Organic Farmers LLC (Saku City, Nagano Pref.)

- In 2009, the Saku Organic Association, a voluntary shipping group for organic farm products, was formed with the local organic farmers and the local market (currently the Saku branch of R&C Nagano Fruits & Vegetables Co., Ltd.) as its secretariat. It became an LLC in 2023.
- All 16 producers have obtained Organic JAS certification. Sales have reached 170 million yen, more than four times the amount since the company was founded.
- Sales functions such as ordering, truck arrangements, delivery, and payment collection have been completely outsourced to a distribution
- They developed their own cloud system that allows all producers and business partners to share their cultivation plans and order status.

Land area: 80 ha (approx. 60 ha organic)

Products: Pumpkins, zucchinis, tomatoes, etc. approx. 18 kinds of vegetables



Crop Production Bureau Director-General's Award

doyuuno organic farm LLC (Toyama City, Toyama Pref.)

- Established in 1995. Achieved annual sales of approx. 80 million yen through recycling-based organic agriculture in mountainous areas centered on rice terraces.
- Produces compost from local resources such as sake lees from local companies and food residue such as soy pulp, and then provides it to local farmers. Practices livestock integrated recycling-based agriculture, using feed rice produced with reduced pesticides and local vegetable residue for its own chicken feed.
- In addition to selling organic farm products, they manufacture and sell rice flour, baked goods, organic sake, mirin rice wine, and other products made from organic rice.
- Promotes organic agriculture by giving lectures at organic agriculture schools both inside and outside the prefecture, and by holding outdoor education experiences in Satoyama.

Land area: Approx. 35 ha (approx. 28 ha organic)

Products: Rice, soybeans, wheat, poultry, etc.



Crop Production Bureau Director-General's Award

BIO Marche Co., Ltd. (Toyonaka City, Osaka Pref.)

• Founded in 1983, before the Organic JAS system was introduced. They collect organic farm products from approximately 300 producers nationwide and sell it to local retailers, and also operate a home delivery business. Through contracts with a variety of production areas, they are able to ship over a dozen items, including onions and carrots, year-round.

• By working to streamline distribution, such as by establishing joint logistics that connect producers within the region, they have reduced distribution costs, ensuring profits for producers while setting prices that are affordable for consumers.

• In addition to providing organic farm products for school lunches in public schools in multiple cities and towns, they also provide organic processed foods to nursery schools.

Members: 54 full-time, 227 part-time

