JA Group’s GAP Initiatives

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Structure of the JA (Japan Agricultural Cooperatives) Group

Supervisory Business
In addition to handling the guidance, auditing, and education of JAs, these businesses deal mainly with agricultural policy issues and public relations.

Marketing and Supply Business
The marketing side delivers the agricultural and livestock products produced by members to consumers, while the supply side provides members with the materials they need.

Mutual Insurance Business
Our insurance business supports the livelihoods of members, offering mutual life insurance, mutual non-life insurance, and mutual pension insurance.

Credit Business
This business provides various financial services for members, funded by the savings of members.
Strengthening efforts to Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)

All farmers carry out GAP Implementation

GAP Implementation and GAP Certification

GAP Implementation
Promoting all farmers to put” GAP” into practice, following some version of GAP (e.g. Local GAP, GH, JA group GAP, Prefecture version GAP)

GAP Certification
Objective proof of proper implementation of GAP through the audit of a certification body (e.g. JGAP, ASIAGAP, or GLOBALGAP)
PDCA Cycle for reduction of the fertilization cost

Soil Sampling

Reduction of the fertilization cost based on soil analysis

Reasonable Fertilization

Propose an improved fertilization

Software “Shinsaku-kun Meister2”

Main Soil Analysis Center (9 places)

Output of the soil analysis results and Create a prescription
ZEN-NOH has 24 Soil analysis centers in Japan, and analyzed about 130,000 soil samples.
Consulting Business
Supporting JAs to get Producer Group Certification in GAP
We promote the research and development of new agricultural technologies in order to reduce production costs and support the creation of farm products with added value.