JGAP Initiatives in Livestock Farming

What are Japan Good Agricultural Practices (JGAP) in Livestock Farming?

JGAP are efforts to ensure the sustainability of agricultural production activities by

- 1) setting inspection items to comply with Japanese laws and regulations on food safety, animal health, environmental conservation, labor safety, and animal welfare, and
- 2) carrying out, recording, checking, and evaluating these items iteratively while managing and improving the production process.

The Status of JGAP Certification in Livestock Farming as of March 2023

- JGAP released the standards for livestock and livestock products in March 2017 and began certifying farms from August that year
- To train future farmers, many agricultural education institutions worked to get JGAP certification.

The number of farms certified						
Total	Livestock type				60	
	Dairy cattle	Beef cattle	Pig	Egg-laying hen	Broiler chicken	🥹 🦋
277	50	88	55	52	32	

Notes: This table only counts the main animal species raised by each certified management entity, even if they have certification for more than one species.

JGAP Certification Status of Agricultural Schools (as of March 2023)

14 high schools and 6 colleges/universities for agricultural education received JGAP Livestock and Livestock Products certification from a third-party organization.

Miyazaki Agricultural Junior College

Categories certificated: Dairy cattle, Raw milk, Beef cattle

<Main Benefits of JGAP Initiatives>

- The farm was kept tidy and organized
- The awareness of bookkeeping and record keeping improved, and inventory management was done properly
- The work was standardized by using manuals, and the quality of the products became stable



JGAP lectures



JGAP Certificate

Kagoshima Prefectual College of Agriculture

Categories certificated: Beef cattle, Dairy cattle, Raw milk, Pig

<Main Benefits of JGAP Initiatives>

- They followed JGAP and carried out animal husbandry management work rigorously from fiscal year 2018
- All the students' paid high-level attention to agricultural production process management
- They received the highest award for three years in a row since 2019 from the Kagoshima Prefecture Milk Quality Improvement Association.



Student



selling meat at the university festival