

[Agricultural Service Enterprise Survey]

1 Number of Enterprises

(1) Total Number of Agricultural Service Enterprises

- Agricultural service enterprises numbered 20,000 -

The number of agricultural service enterprises was 19,706. When the newly added service enterprises in aerial spray (653) was discounted, the number declined by 786 (4.0 %).

Table 25. Change in the Number of Service Enterprises of Various Organizational Structure (National)

Unit: { Number
Proportion: %

Classification		Total Number	Corporations	Agricultural Co-op and Other Entities	Regional Public Entities	Non-Incorporated Entities	Voluntary Co- operatives
Number	1995	19 839	8 087	7 444	102	11 650	11 184
	2000	19 706	7 530	6 777	97	12 079	11 556
		(19 053)	(7 335)	(6 617)	(86)	(11 632)	(11 173)
Change in %	2000/1995	△ 4.0	△ 9.3	△ 11.1	△ 15.7	△ 0.2	△ 0.1
% Composition	1995	100.0	40.8	37.5	0.5	58.7	56.4
	2000	100.0	38.2	34.4	0.5	61.3	58.6
		(100.0)	(38.5)	(34.7)	(0.5)	(61.1)	(58.6)

Note: The figures in parentheses are those of service enterprises contracting only aerial spraying (includes seeds) process and were not included in calculation of proportions of change (2000/1995).

<Service Enterprises>

Agricultural service enterprises are those operators (includes producers and distributors of specializing in seedlings) that provide services on consignment from agricultural operators.

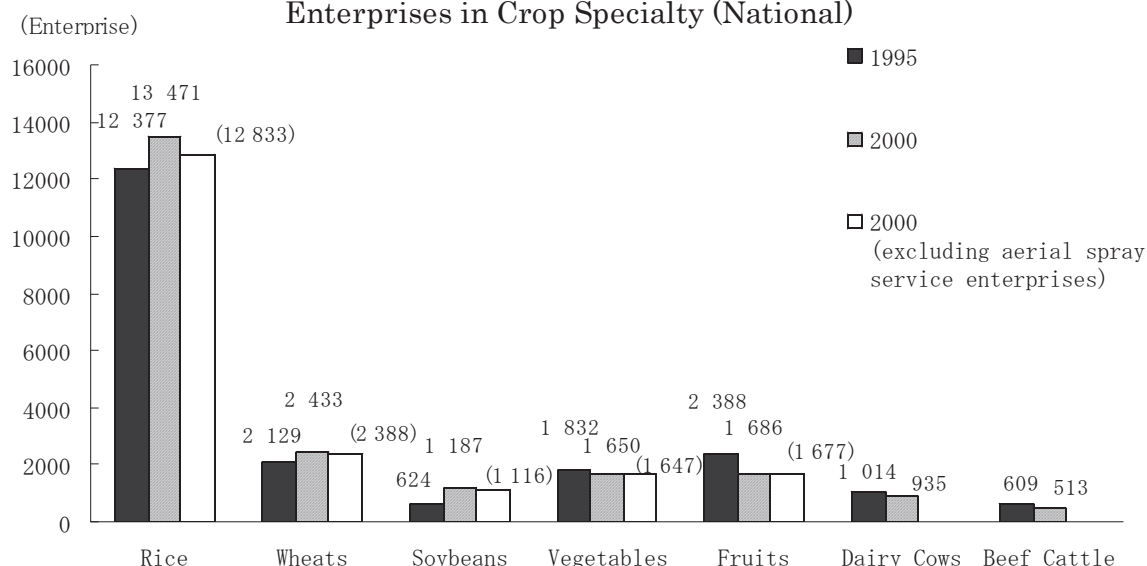
Those agricultural operators that also provide services in consignment, however, are not considered as service enterprises.

(2) Classification of Service Enterprises by Crop Specialty

- Service enterprises in cultivation of rice, wheats and soybeans are on the increase -

In terms of crop specialties, rice growing service enterprises numbered 13,471 organizations in the cultivation sector. Excluding those service enterprises providing only aerial spray service, the number of service enterprises increased by 456 (3.7 %). Wheat growing service enterprises increased to 2,433 (12.2 %) and those in soybeans reached 1,187 (78.8 %).

Figure 12. Changes in the Number of Service Enterprises in Crop Specialty (National)



% Change (2000/1995)	3.7	12.2	78.8	△10.1	△29.8	△7.8	△15.8
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Note: The figures in parentheses are those of service enterprises contracting only aerial spraying (includes seeds) process and were not included in calculation of proportions of change (2000/1995).

(3) Stratification of Agricultural Service Enterprises by Revenue

- Number of enterprises in all strata above annual receipts of 1 million yen has increased -

In fee receipt stratification, enterprises of relatively small scale of less than 1 million yen have decreased in number, but all strata above 1 million yen has increased their number, indicating that the scale of agricultural service enterprises were enlarging.

Table 26. Change in Number of Agricultural Service Enterprises in Annual Receipt Strata

(National)

Unit { Number: Enterprises
Proportion in %

Classification		Under 1 Million Yen	100~500	500~1000	1000~3000	Over 30 Million Yen
Number	1995	5 363	6 398	2 798	3 246	2 034
	2000	4 257	6 658	2 981	3 603	2 207
		(4 221)	(6 480)	(2 859)	(3 398)	(2 095)
% Change	2000/1995	△ 21.3	1.3	2.2	4.7	3.0
% Composition	1995	27.0	32.2	14.1	16.4	10.3
	2000	21.6	33.8	15.1	18.3	11.2
		(22.2)	(34.0)	(15.0)	(17.8)	(11.0)

Note: The figures in parentheses are those of service enterprises contracting only aerial spraying (includes seeds) process and were not included in calculation of proportions of change (2000/1995).

(4) Service Enterprises in Core Crop Specialties

- About 70 % of service enterprises providing rice-growing services were cooperative ventures of farm households -

In terms of core crop specialties, enterprises for which rice growing service was the core specialty numbered 12,993 (65.9 % of all service enterprises) and was the most numerous.

The organizational structures of service enterprises of rice, soybean and wheat core specialty, the proportion of cooperative ventures incorporated by farm households was high, while in service enterprises of core specialty in vegetable and fruit tree growing showed high proportion in ventures owned by agricultural cooperative or other agricultural entities.

Table 27. Organizational Structures of Core Specialty Service Enterprises(National)

Unit { Unit: Number
Proportion in %

Classification		Total Number	Corporations	Agricultural Co-op and Other Entities	Regional Public Entities	Non-Incorporated Entities	Voluntary Co-operations
Number	Total	19 706	7 530	6 777	97	12 079	11 556
	Rice	12 993	3 966	3 568	28	8 999	8 700
	Wheats	562	151	142	-	411	411
	Soybeans	385	97	93	-	288	287
	Vegetables	1 233	1 120	1 101	2	111	106
	Fruits	1 507	831	784	1	675	672
% Composition	Total	100.0	38.2	34.4	0.5	61.3	58.6
	Rice	100.0	30.5	27.5	0.2	69.3	67.0
	Wheats	100.0	26.9	25.3	-	73.1	73.1
	Soybeans	100.0	25.2	24.2	-	74.8	74.5
	Vegetables	100.0	90.8	89.3	0.2	9.0	8.6
	Fruits	100.0	55.1	52.0	0.1	44.8	44.6

Note: The core service was the service of largest receipts.

2 The Share of Work of the Rice Growing Service Enterprises

- The area worked by the rice growing service has enlarged -

In various services (excluding pesticide application and weeding) provided by rice growing service enterprises in terms of area processed, the greatest was in paddy drying and maintenance at 473,000 ha, followed by seedling nursery at 263,000 ha. While the former service decreased slightly since the last Census, all other rice paddy services registered increase.

The share of the service area (proportion in planting area of farm households) was 29.3 % in drying and maintenance and 16.3 % in seedling provision.

Table 28. Change in Rice Paddy Services and Share of Serviced Area (National)

Classification		Unit { Area in ha Proportion in %											
		Seedling		Spring Tilling		Planting		Spraying		Harvesting		Drying/Maint.	
		Area	Area Share	Area	Area Share	Area	Area Share	Area	Area Share	Area	Area Share	Area	Area Share
Number	1990	207 412	11.0	52 056	2.8	26 499	1.4	46 868	2.5	67 664	3.6	393 984	20.8
	1995	268 253	13.4	45 628	2.3	32 342	1.6	50 761	2.5	83 339	4.2	478 810	23.9
	2000	263 421	16.3	56 095	3.5	48 307	3.0	603 859	37.4	109 731	6.8	472 825	29.3
% Change	1995/1990	29.3	21.8	△ 12.3	△ 17.9	22.0	14.3	8.3	0.0	23.2	16.7	21.5	14.9
	2000/1995	△ 1.8	21.6	22.9	52.2	31.7	61.9	△ 1.2	22.6

Note: 1) Service area is the consigned area and includes all consigned service area.

2) Because planting, pesticide and herbicide spray is confounded with the aerial spray (includes seeding) process, they were excluded in the temporal comparison (2000/1995).