



Agricultural Area Survey in 2022

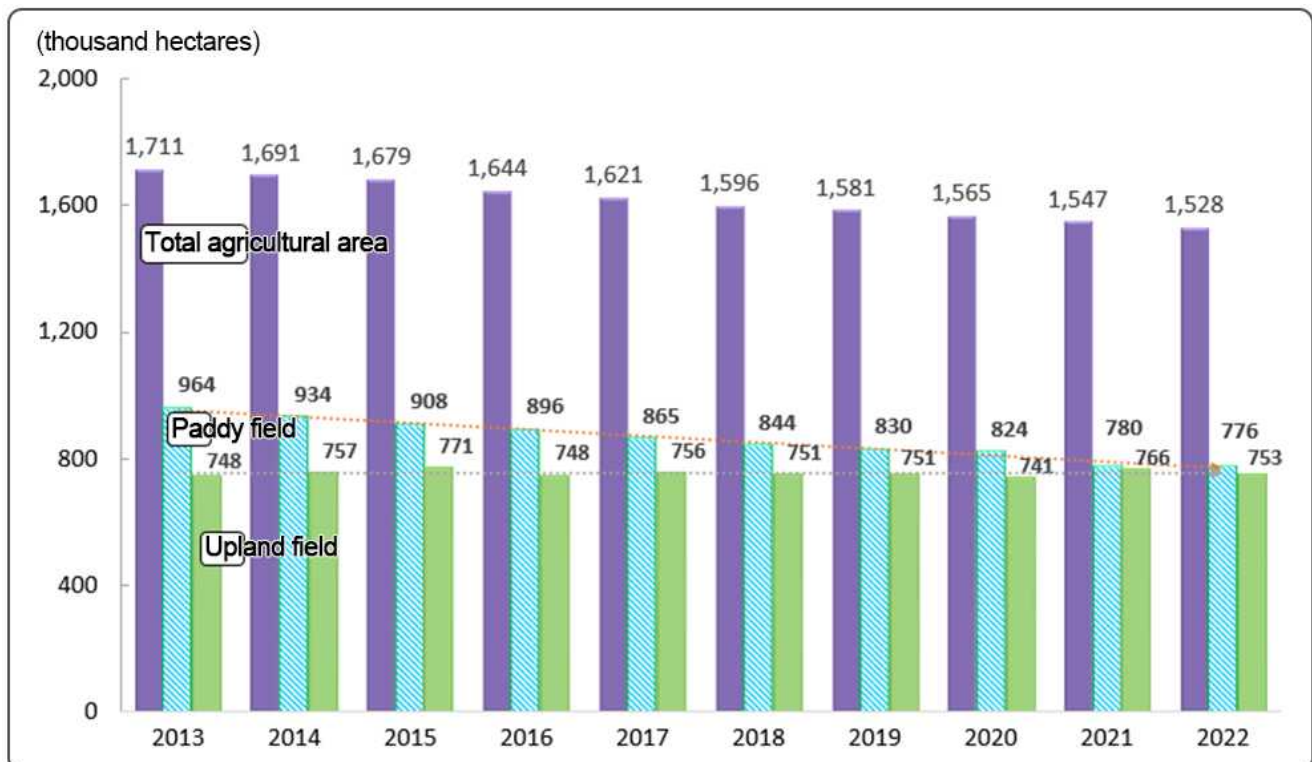
- The agricultural area marked 1.528 million hectares in 2022, which decreased by 1.2% (19 thousand hectares) from 2021.
- Paddy field and upland field marked 776 thousand hectares (50.8%) and 753 thousand hectares (49.2%), respectively.

< Agricultural area by year >

(Unit: thousand hectares, %)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Agricultural area	1,711	1,691	1,679	1,644	1,621	1,596	1,581	1,565	1,547	1,528
Paddy field	964	934	908	896	865	844	830	824	780	776
Upland field	748	757	771	748	756	751	751	741	766	753
Percent change	-	-1.2	-0.7	-2.1	-1.4	-1.6	-0.9	-1.0	-1.2	-1.2

< Agricultural area by year >



1. Agricultural area of the nation

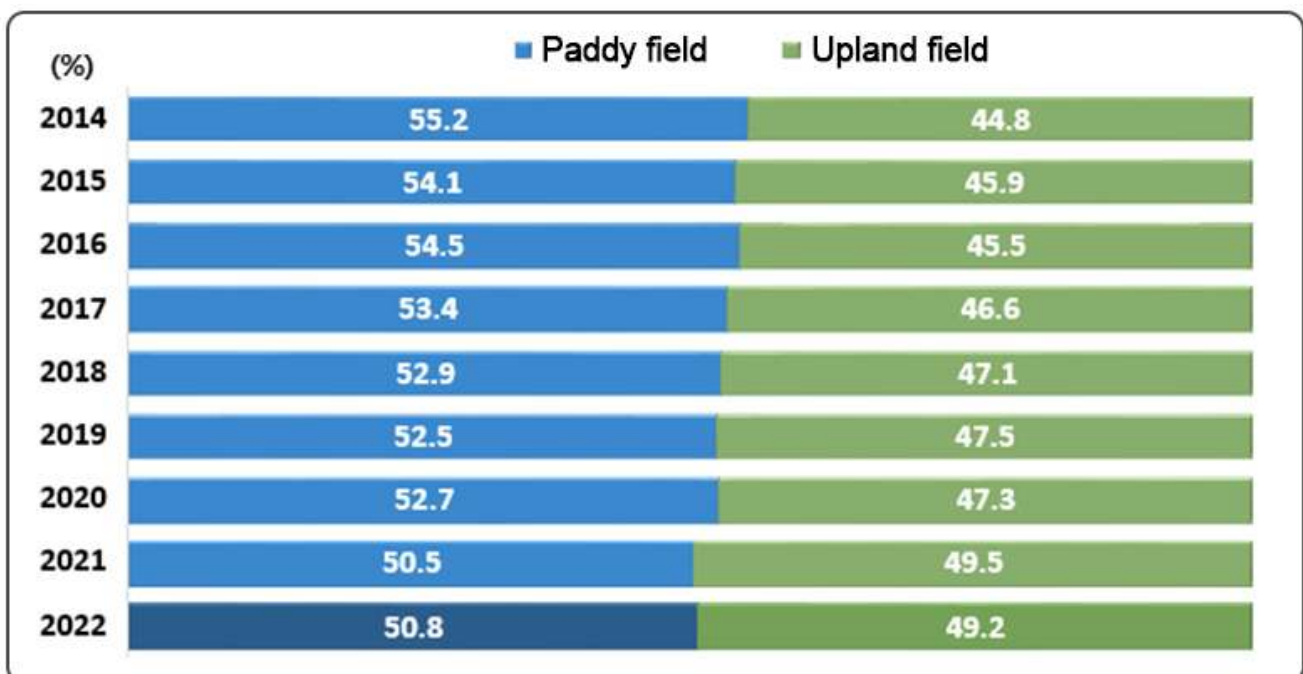
- The agricultural area recorded 1,528,237 hectares in 2022, which declined by 18,479 hectares (-1.2%) from 1,546,717 hectares in 2021.
- The area of paddy field recorded 775,640 hectares in 2022, which dropped by 4,800 hectares (-0.6%) from 780,440 hectares in 2021.
 - Paddy field accounted for 50.8% of the total agricultural area in 2022, rising by 0.3%p from 50.5% in 2021.
- The area of upland field recorded 752,597 hectares in 2022, which fell by 13,680 hectares (-1.8%) from 766,277 hectares in 2021.
 - Upland field accounted for 49.2% of the total agricultural area in 2022, dropping by 0.3%p from 49.5% in 2021.

< Agricultural area by field type >

(Unit: thousand hectares, %)

	2020	2021 (A)	2022 (B)	Change (C=B-A)	Percent change (C/A)
Agricultural area	1,565	1,547	1,528	-19	-1.2
Paddy field	824	780	776	-5	-0.6
Upland field	741	766	753	-14	-1.8

< Change in agricultural area by field type and year >



2. Agricultural area by reason for change

- The real increase in agricultural area stood at 3 thousand hectares. The real decrease in agricultural area stood at 21 thousand hectares. Therefore, the total agricultural area dropped by 19 thousand hectares compared to 2021.

- As for reasons for the increase in agricultural area, 'Land reclamation' and 'Restoration, etc.' marked 1 thousand hectares and 1 thousand hectares, respectively. As for reasons for the decrease in agricultural area, 'Buildings', 'Abandoned land' and 'Others' marked 7 thousand hectares, 6 thousand hectares and 6 thousand hectares, respectively.

< Agricultural area by reason for change >

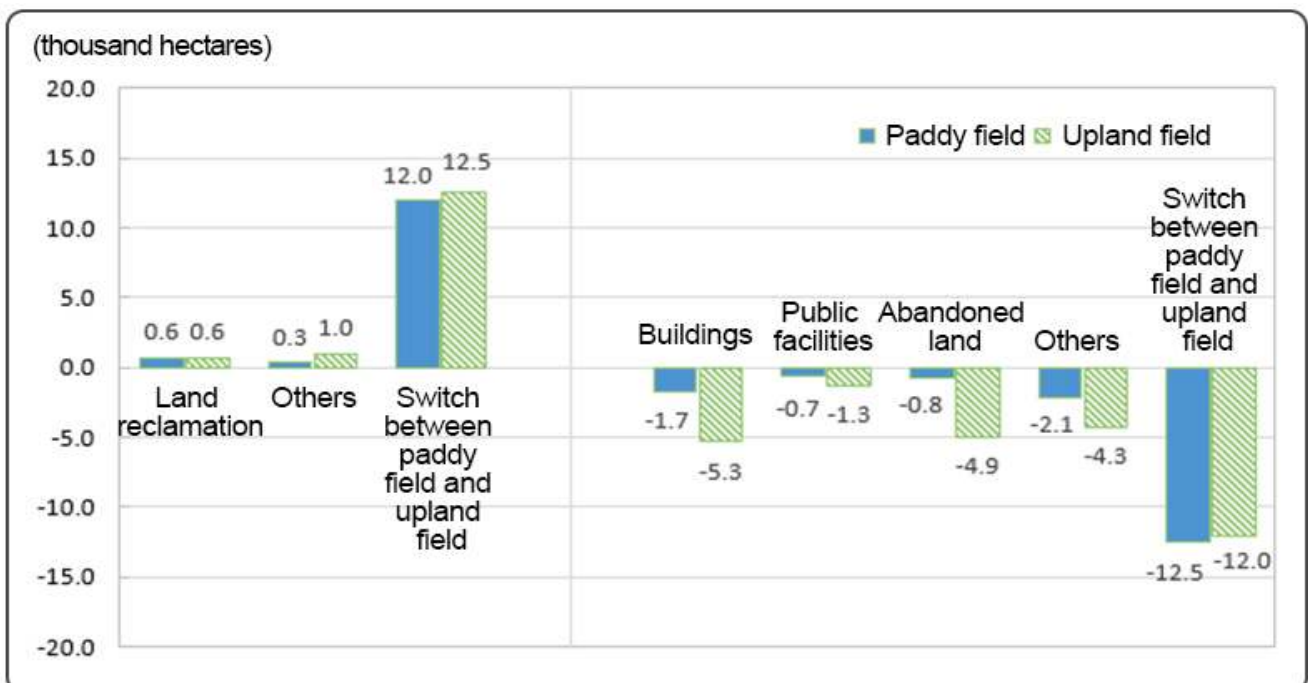
(Unit: thousand hectares)

	Increase						Change
	Total	Real increase				Switch between paddy field and upland field	
		Land reclamation	Others*				
Total	2.6	1.3	1.3			24.6	
Paddy field	1.0	0.6	0.3			12.0	
Upland field	1.6	0.6	1.0			12.5	
	Decrease						Change
	Total	Real decrease				Switch between paddy field and upland field	
		Buildings	Public facilities	Abandoned land	Others**		
Total	21.0	7.0	1.9	5.7	6.4	24.6	-18.5
Paddy field	5.2	1.7	0.7	0.8	2.1	12.5	-4.3
Upland field	15.8	5.3	1.3	4.9	4.3	12.0	-14.2

* Others (increase): Restoration, etc.

** Others (decrease): Lost and buried area, farming facilities, reforestation, graveyard, etc.

< Agricultural area by reason for change >



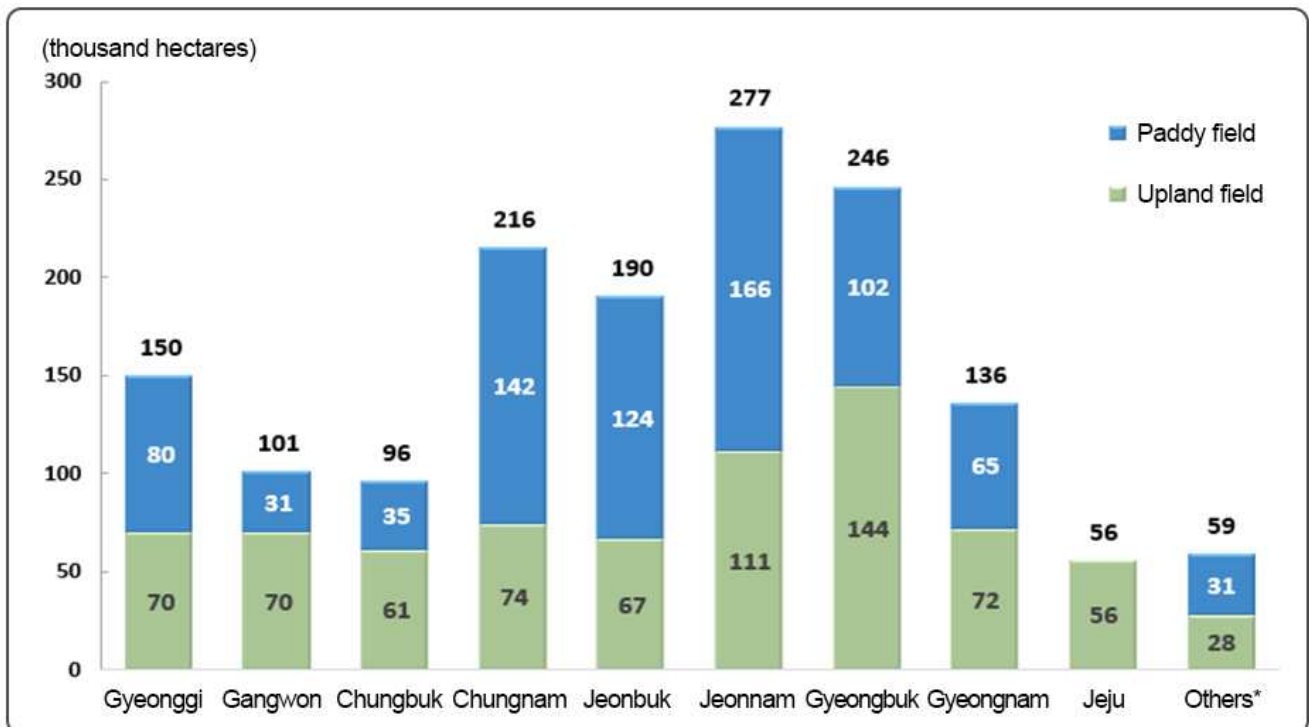
3. Agricultural area by province

- As for agricultural area by province, Jeonnam recorded the highest figure of 277 thousand hectares, which took up 18.1% of the total agricultural area. This figure was followed by Gyeongbuk (246 thousand hectares, 16.1%) and Chungnam (216

thousand hectares, 14.1%).

- As for the area of paddy field by province, Jeonnam recorded the highest figure of 166 thousand hectares, which accounted for 21.4% of the total area of paddy field. This figure was followed by Chungnam (142 thousand hectares, 18.3%), Jeonbuk (124 thousand hectares, 16.0%) and Gyeongbuk (102 thousand hectares, 13.2%).
- As for the area of upland field by province, Gyeongbuk recorded the highest figure of 144 thousand hectares, which accounted for 19.2% of the total area of upland field. This figure was followed by Jeonnam (111 thousand hectares, 14.8%), Chungnam (74 thousand hectares, 9.8%) and Gyeongnam (72 thousand hectares, 9.5%).

< Agricultural area by province and field type >



* Others: Metropolitan cities and Sejong Special Self-governing City