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Agricultural Area Survey in 2023

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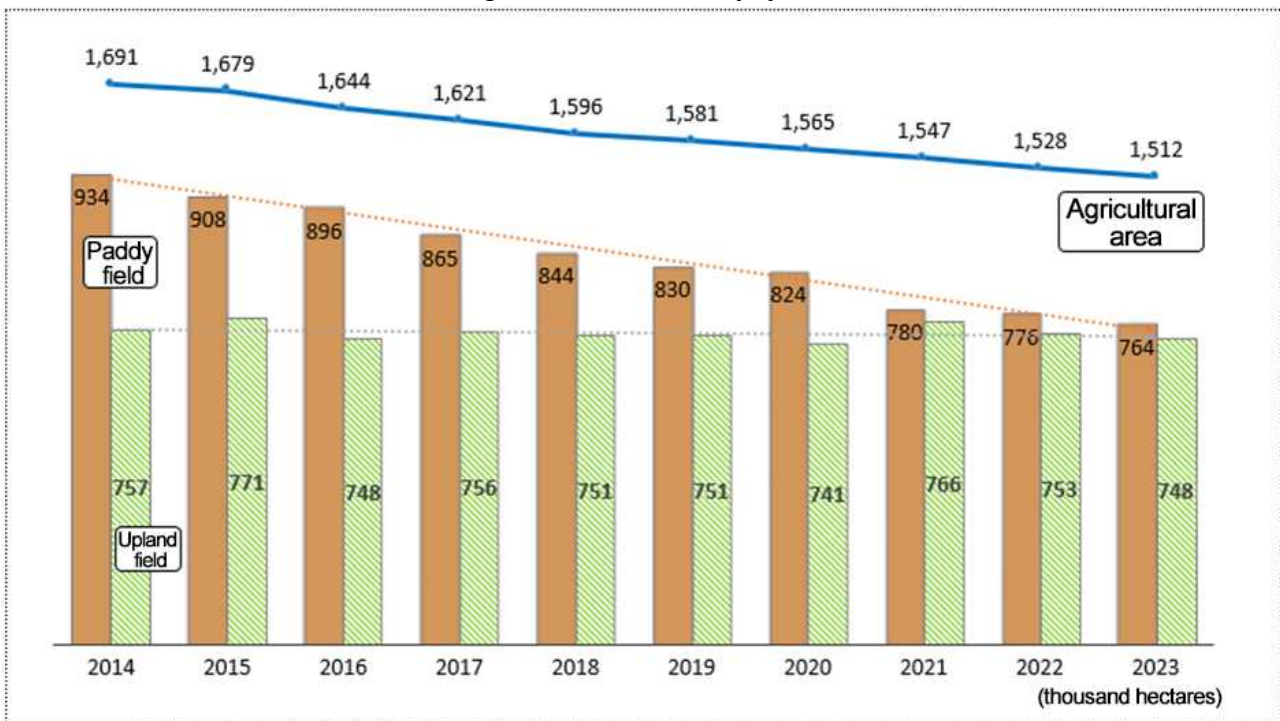
- The agricultural area marked 1.512 million hectares in 2023, which decreased by 1.1% (16 thousand hectares) from 2022.
- Paddy field and upland field marked 764 thousand hectares (50.5%) and 748 thousand hectares (49.5%), respectively.

< Agricultural area by year >

(Unit: thousand hectares, %)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Agricultural area	1,691	1,679	1,644	1,621	1,596	1,581	1,565	1,547	1,528	1,512
Paddy field	934	908	896	865	844	830	824	780	776	764
Upland field	757	771	748	756	751	751	741	766	753	748
Percent change	-1.2	-0.7	-2.1	-1.4	-1.6	-0.9	-1.0	-1.2	-1.2	-1.1

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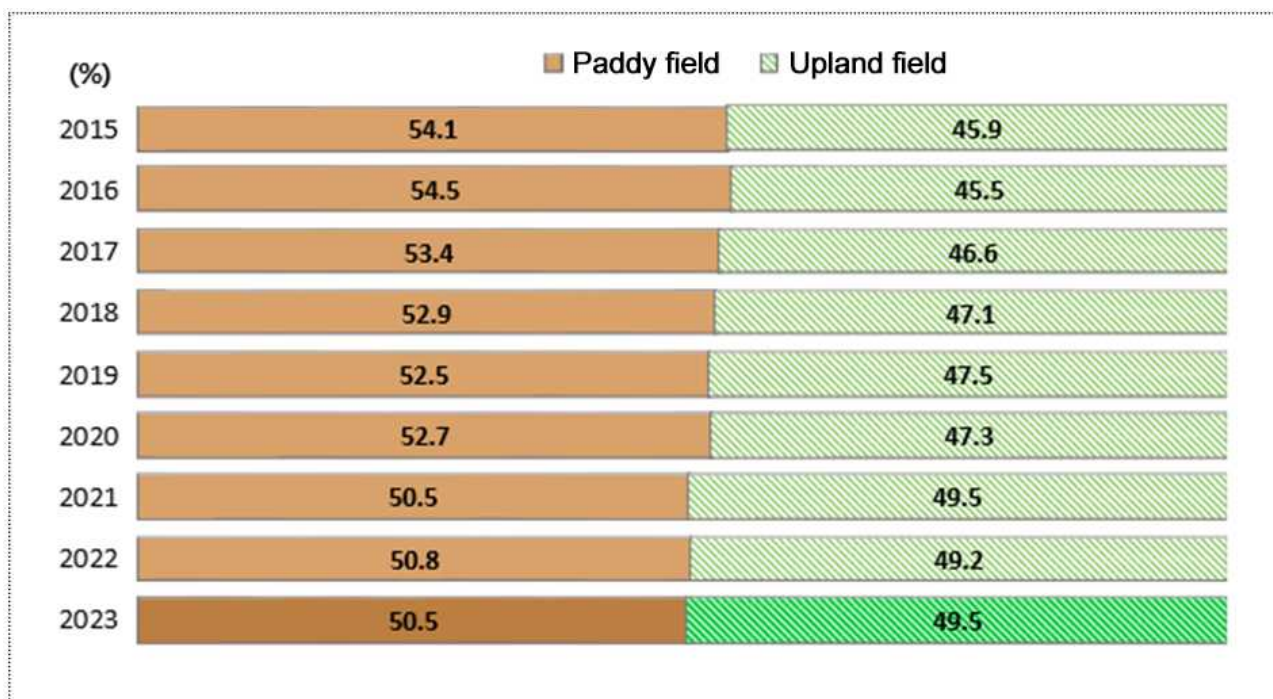
1. Agricultural area of the nation

- The agricultural area recorded 1,512,145 hectares in 2023, which declined by 16,092 hectares (-1.1%) from 1,528,237 hectares in 2022.
- The area of paddy field recorded 763,989 hectares in 2023, which dropped by 11,651 hectares (-1.5%) from 775,640 hectares in 2022.
 - Paddy field accounted for 50.5% of the total agricultural area in 2023, falling by 0.3%p from 50.8% in 2022.
- The area of upland field recorded 748,156 hectares in 2023, which fell by 4,441 hectares (-0.6%) from 752,597 hectares in 2022.
 - Upland field accounted for 49.5% of the total agricultural area in 2023, rising by 0.3%p from 49.2% in 2022.

< Agricultural area by field type >

(Unit: thousand hectares, %)

	2021	2022 (A)	2023 (B)	Change (C=B-A)	Percent change (C/A)
Agricultural area	1,547	1,528	1,512	-16	-1.1
Paddy field	780	776	764	-12	-1.5
Upland field	766	753	748	-4	-0.6



2. Agricultural area by reason for change

□ The real increase in agricultural area stood at 2 thousand hectares. The real decrease in agricultural area stood at 18 thousand hectares. Therefore, the total agricultural area dropped by 16 thousand hectares compared to 2022.

○ As for reasons for the increase in agricultural area, 'Land reclamation' and 'Others (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 6 thousand hectares, 4 thousand hectares and 6 thousand hectares, respectively.

< Agricultural area by reason for change >

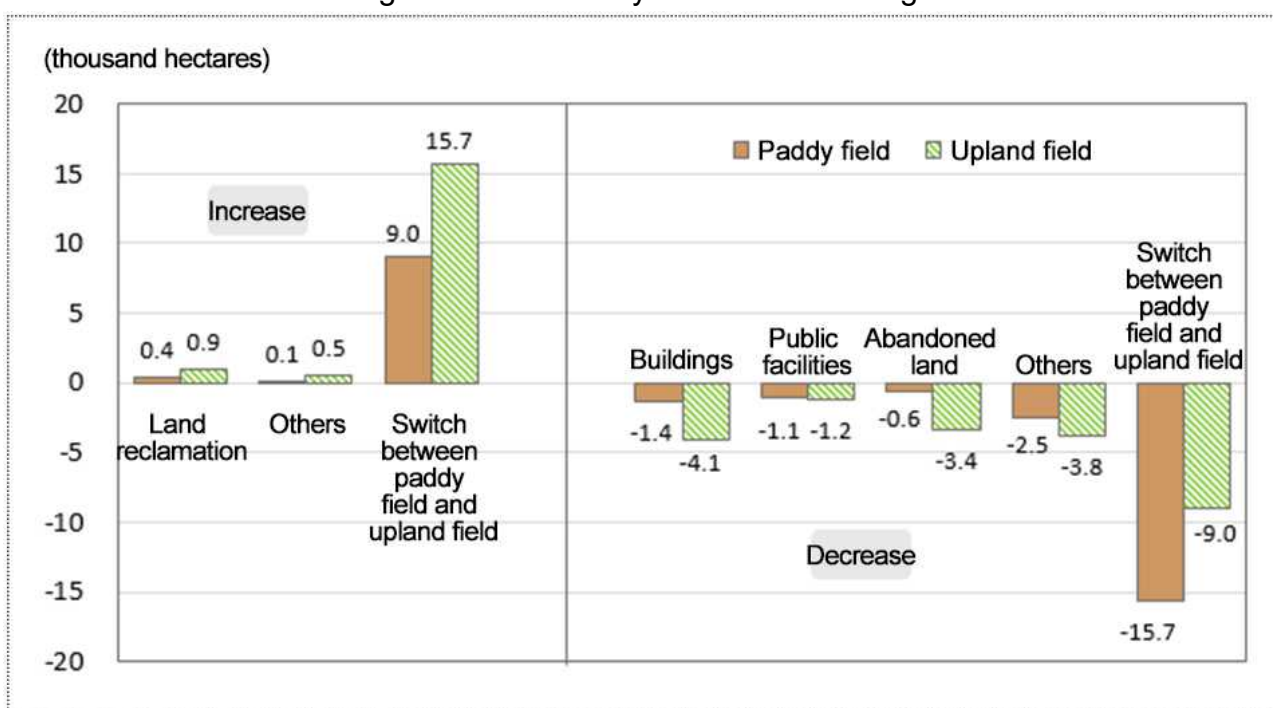
(Unit: thousand hectares, %)

	Increase				Decrease						Change
	Total	Real increase		Switch between paddy field and upland field	Total	Real decrease				Switch between paddy field and upland field	
		Land reclamation	Others*			Buildings	Public facilities	Abandoned land	Others**		
Total	2.0	1.3	0.6	24.7	-18.1	-5.5	-2.3	-4.0	-6.3	-24.7	-16.1
Paddy field	0.5	0.4	0.1	9.0	-5.5	-1.4	-1.1	-0.6	-2.5	-15.7	-5.0
Upland field	1.5	0.9	0.5	15.7	-12.5	-4.1	-1.2	-3.4	-3.8	-9.0	-11.1

* 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 274 thousand hectares, which took up 18.1% of the total agricultural area. This figure was followed by Gyeongbuk (244 thousand hectares, 16.1%) and Chungnam (214 thousand hectares, 14.1%).
- As for the area of paddy field by province, Jeonnam recorded the highest figure of 164 thousand hectares, which accounted for 21.4% of the total area of paddy field. This figure was followed by Chungnam (140 thousand hectares, 18.3%), Jeonbuk (122 thousand hectares, 15.9%) and Gyeongbuk (101 thousand hectares, 13.2%).
- As for the area of upland field by province, Gyeongbuk recorded the highest figure of 143 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 Gyeonggi (70 thousand hectares, 9.4%).

< Agricultural area by province and field type >

