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## Agricultural Area Survey in 2024

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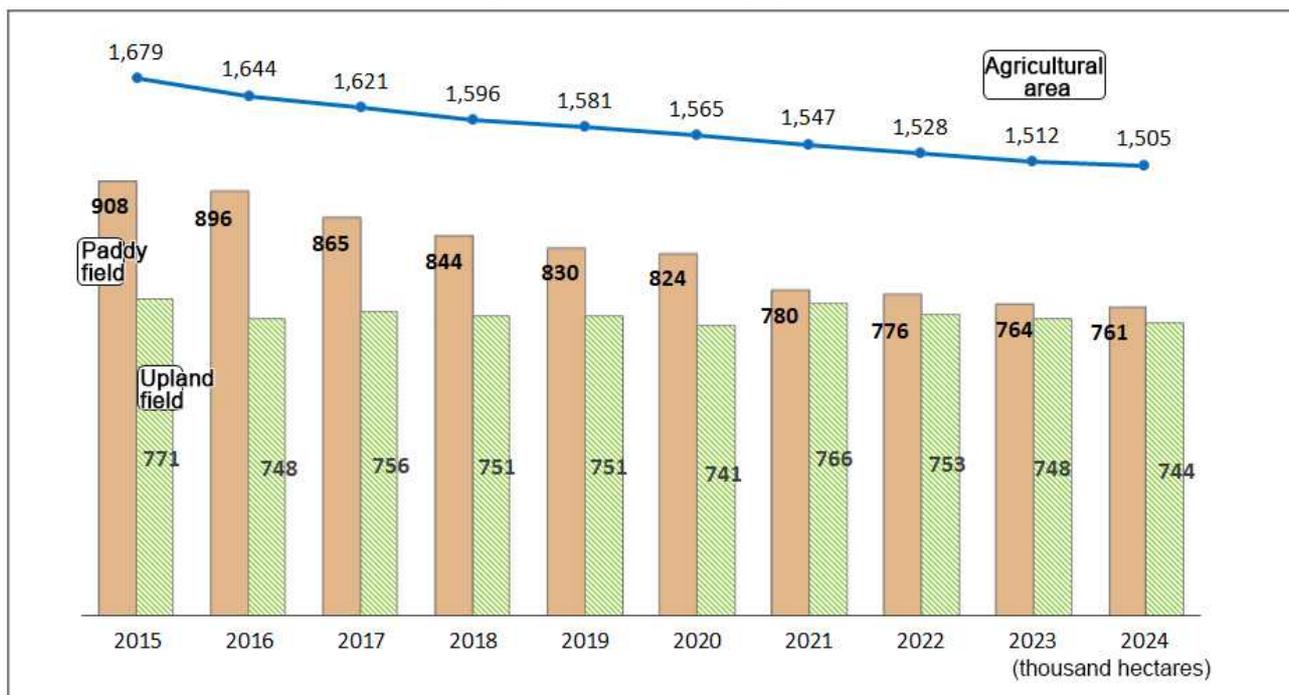
- The agricultural area marked 1.505 million hectares in 2024, which decreased by 0.5% (8 thousand hectares) from 2023.
- Paddy field and upland field marked 761 thousand hectares (50.6%) and 744 thousand hectares (49.4%), respectively.

< Agricultural area by year >

(Unit: thousand hectares, %)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Agricultural area	1,679	1,644	1,621	1,596	1,581	1,565	1,547	1,528	1,512	1,505
Paddy field	908	896	865	844	830	824	780	776	764	761
Upland field	771	748	756	751	751	741	766	753	748	744
Percent change	-0.7	-2.1	-1.4	-1.6	-0.9	-1.0	-1.2	-1.2	-1.1	-0.5

< Agricultural area by year >



## 1. Agricultural area of the nation

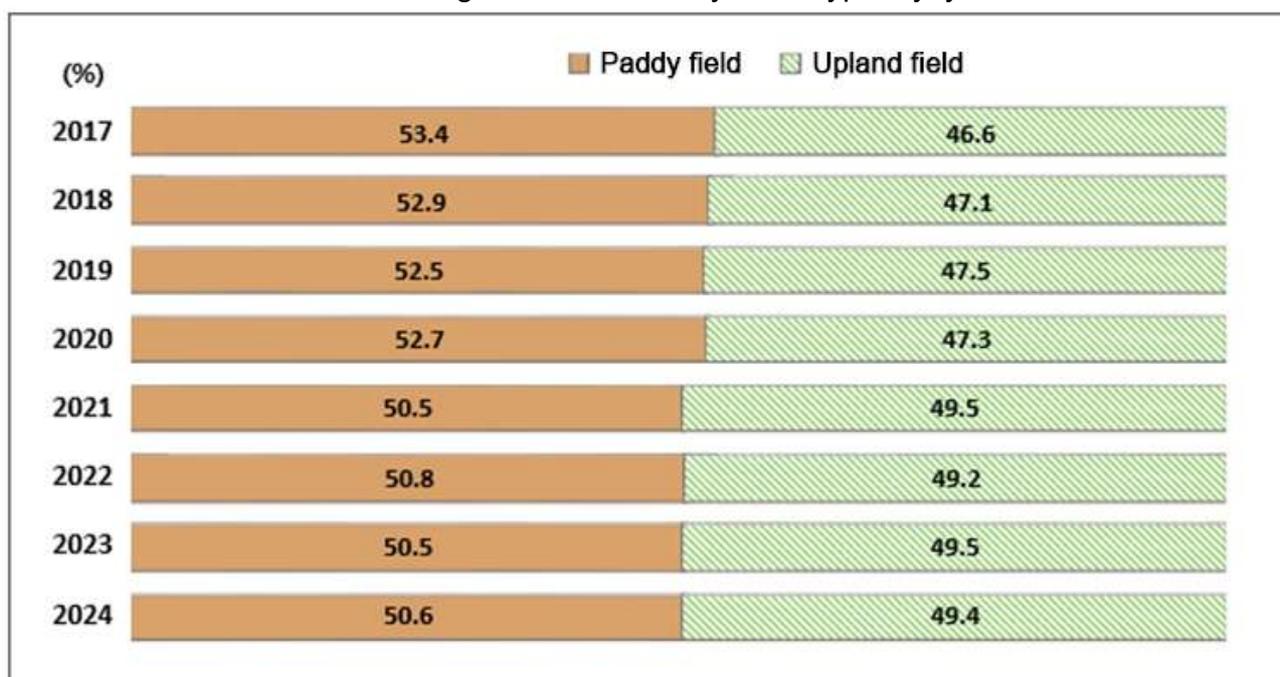
- The agricultural area recorded 1,504,615 hectares in 2024, which declined by 7,530 hectares (-0.5%) from 1,512,145 hectares in 2023.
- The area of paddy field recorded 761,011 hectares in 2024, which dropped by 2,978 hectares (-0.4%) from 763,989 hectares in 2023.
  - Paddy field accounted for 50.6% of the total agricultural area in 2024, rising by 0.1%p from 50.5% in 2023.
- The area of upland field recorded 743,603 hectares in 2024, which fell by 4,552 hectares (-0.6%) from 748,156 hectares in 2023.
  - Upland field accounted for 49.4% of the total agricultural area in 2024, falling by 0.1%p from 49.5% in 2023.

### < Agricultural area by field type >

(Unit: thousand hectares, %)

	2022	2023 (A)	2024 (B)	Change (C=B-A)	Percent change (C/A)
Agricultural area	1,528	1,512	1,505	-8	-0.5
Paddy field	776	764	761	-3	-0.4
Upland field	753	748	744	-5	-0.6

### < Share of agricultural area by field type by year >



## 2. Agricultural area by reason for the change

- The increase in agricultural area stood at 20 thousand hectares. The decrease in agricultural area stood at 27 thousand hectares. Therefore, the total agricultural area dropped by 8 thousand hectares compared to 2023.
- As for reasons for the increase in agricultural area, 'Restoration, etc.' marked 1 thousand hectares. As for reasons for the decrease in agricultural area, 'Buildings', 'Others' and 'Abandoned land' marked 4 thousand hectares, 2 thousand hectares and 2 thousand hectares, respectively.

< Agricultural area by reason for the change >

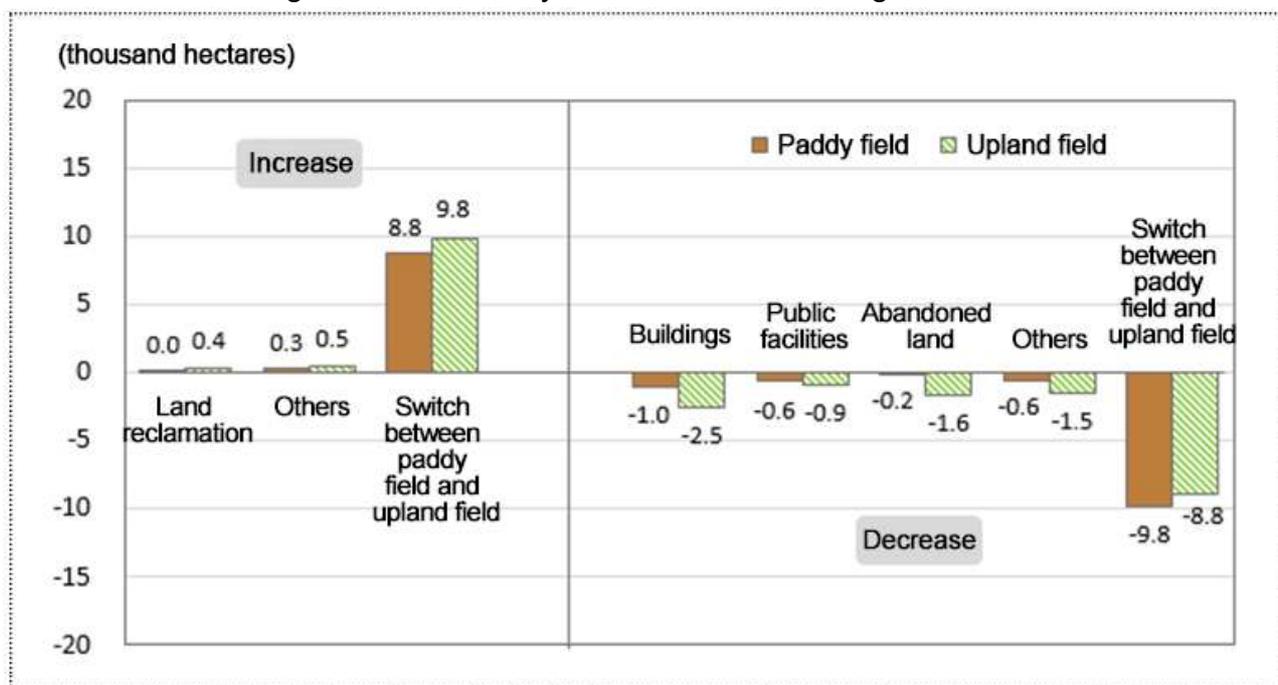
(Unit: thousand hectares)

	Increase				Decrease						Change
	Total	Land reclamation	Others*	Switch between paddy field and upland	Total	Buildings	Public facilities	Abandoned land	Others**	Switch between paddy field and upland	
Total	19.9	0.4	0.8	18.7	-27.4	-3.5	-1.5	-1.8	-2.1	-18.7	-7.5
Paddy field	9.1	0.0	0.3	8.8	-12.1	-1.0	-0.6	-0.2	-0.6	-9.8	-3.0
Upland field	10.8	0.4	0.5	9.8	-15.3	-2.5	-0.9	-1.6	-1.5	-8.8	-4.6

\* Others (increase): Restoration, etc.

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

< Agricultural area by reason for the change in 2024 >



### 3. Agricultural area by province

- As for agricultural area by province, Jeonnam recorded the highest figure of 274 thousand hectares, which took up 18.2% of the total agricultural area. This figure was followed by Gyeongbuk (236 thousand hectares, 15.7%) and Chungnam (213 thousand hectares, 14.1%).
- As for the area of paddy field by province, Jeonnam recorded the highest figure of 162 thousand hectares, which accounted for 21.3% of the total area of paddy field. This figure was followed by Chungnam (140 thousand hectares, 18.4%), Jeonbuk (122 thousand hectares, 16.0%) and Gyeongbuk (98 thousand hectares, 12.9%).
- As for the area of upland field by province, Gyeongbuk recorded the highest figure of 138 thousand hectares, which accounted for 18.6% of the total area of upland field. This figure was followed by Jeonnam (112 thousand hectares, 15.0%), Chungnam (73 thousand hectares, 9.8%) and Gyeonggi (70 thousand hectares, 9.4%).

< Agricultural area by province and field type in 2024 >

