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Preliminary Results of the Cultivated Area of Rice and Chili Peppers in 2025

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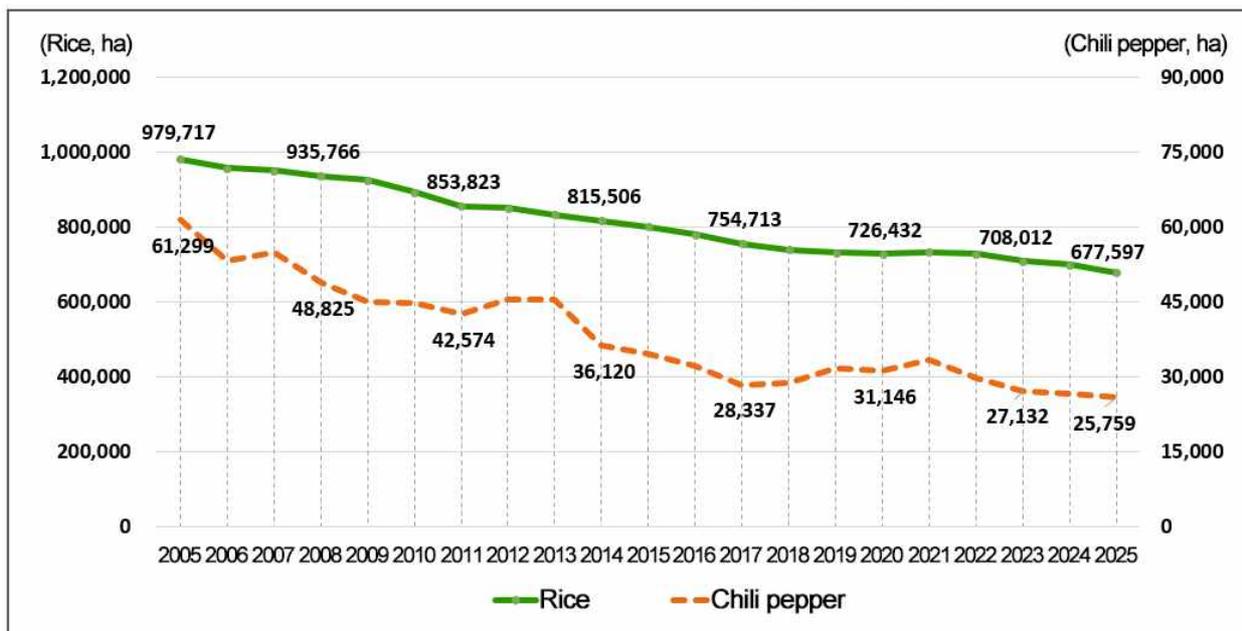
○ The cultivated area of chili peppers showed a year-on-year decrease owing to the rise in the production costs of chili peppers.

< Cultivated area of rice and chili peppers in 2025 >

(Unit: ha, %)

	2023	2024 (A)	2025 (B)	Change (C=B-A)	Percent change (C/A)
Rice	708,012	697,713	677,597	-20,116	-2.9
Chili pepper	27,132	26,430	25,759	-671	-2.5

< Trend in the cultivated area of rice and chili peppers by year (2005~2025) >



1. Cultivated area of rice

The cultivated area of rice totaled 677,597ha in 2025, which decreased by 20,116ha (-2.9%) from 697,713ha in 2024.

- The cultivated area of rice recorded a year-on-year decrease owing to the government policy* to produce the appropriate quantity of rice for the balance of rice supply and demand.

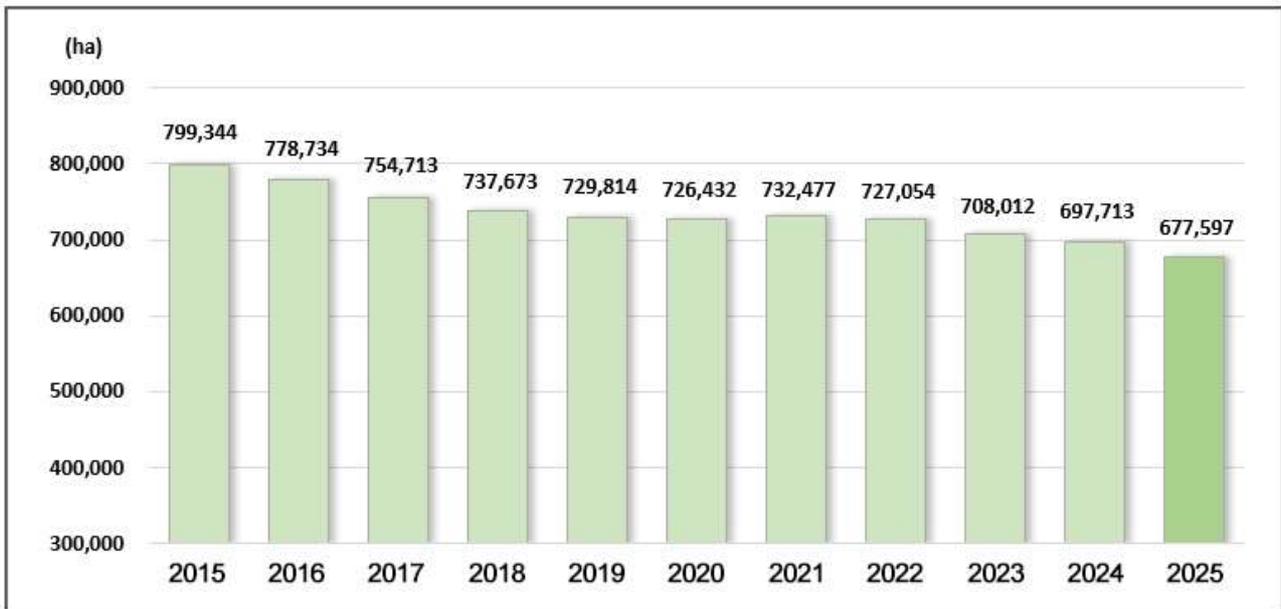
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< Cultivated area of rice in 2025 >

(Unit: ha, %)

	2023	2024 (A)	2025 (B)	Change (C=B-A)	Percent change (C/A)
Rice	708,012	697,713	677,597	-20,116	-2.9
Paddy rice	707,872	697,684	677,504	-20,180	-2.9
Upland rice	140	29	92	63	219.4

< Trend in the cultivated area of rice by year (2015~2025) >



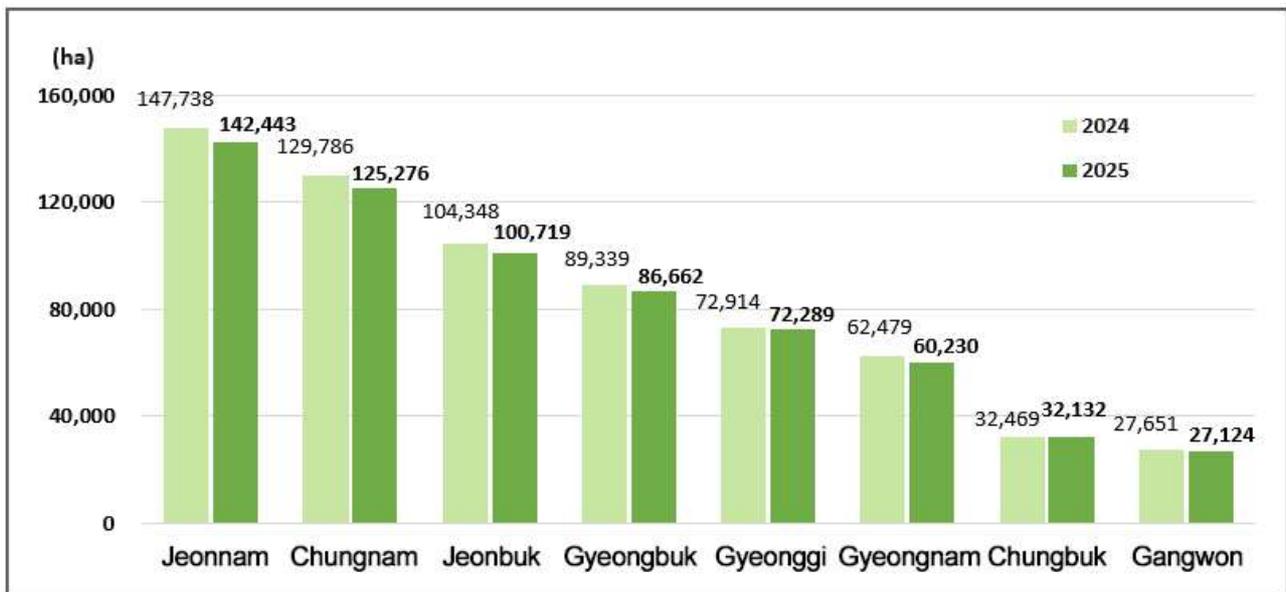
- As for cultivated area of rice by province, Jeonnam recorded the highest figure of 142,443ha, which was followed by Chungnam (125,276ha), Jeonbuk (100,719ha), Gyeongbuk (86,662ha) and Gyeonggi (72,289ha).

< Trend in the cultivated area of rice of top 8 provinces >

(Unit: ha, %)

	2023	2024 (A)	2025 (B)	Change (C=B-A)	Percent change (C/A)
The nation	708,012	697,713	677,597	-20,116	-2.9
Jeonnam	149,878	147,738	142,443	-5,295	-3.6
Chungnam	131,643	129,786	125,276	-4,510	-3.5
Jeonbuk	107,383	104,348	100,719	-3,629	-3.5
Gyeongbuk	93,252	89,339	86,662	-2,677	-3.0
Gyeonggi	73,187	72,914	72,289	-625	-0.9
Gyeongnam	63,437	62,479	60,230	-2,249	-3.6
Chungbuk	32,341	32,469	32,132	-338	-1.0
Gangwon	28,335	27,651	27,124	-526	-1.9
Others	28,556	30,988	30,722	-266	-0.9

< Cultivated area of rice of top 8 provinces >



2. Cultivated area of chili peppers

The cultivated area of chili peppers amounted to 25,759ha in 2025, which declined by 671ha (-2.5%) from 26,430ha in 2024.

- The cultivated area of chili peppers showed a year-on-year decrease owing to labor shortage in rural areas caused by population aging and the rise in the production costs of chili peppers.

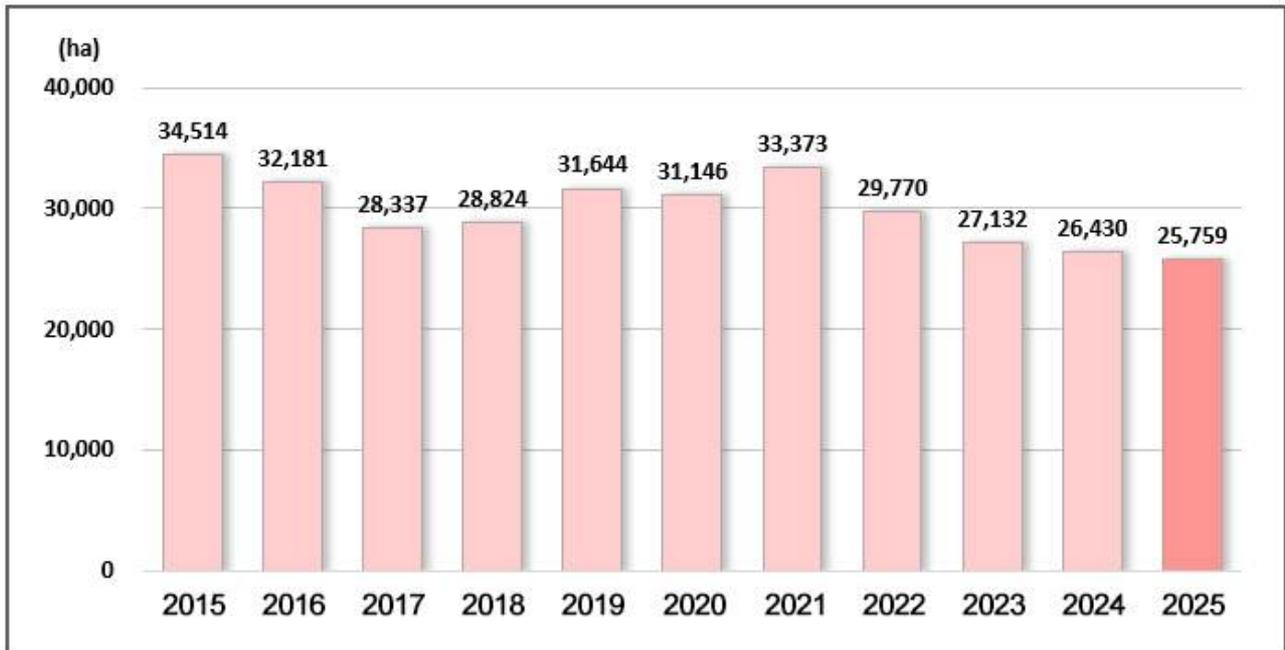
* Chili pepper production costs per 10a: 4.324 million won (2022) → 4.802 million won (2023) → 5.275 million won (2024)

< Cultivated area of chili peppers in 2025 >

(Unit: ha, %)

	2023	2024 (A)	2025 (B)	Change (C=B-A)	Percent change (C/A)
Chili pepper	27,132	26,430	25,759	-671	-2.5

< Trend in the cultivated area of chili peppers by year (2015~2025) >



- As for cultivated area of chili peppers by province, Gyeongbuk recorded the highest figure of 7,355ha, which was followed by Jeonnam (3,832ha), Jeonbuk (2,864ha), Chungnam (2,614ha) and Chungbuk (2,391ha).

< Trend in the cultivated area of chili peppers of top 8 provinces >

(Unit: ha, %)

	2023	2024 (A)	2025 (B)	Change (C=B-A)	Percent change (C/A)
The nation	27,132	26,430	25,759	-671	-2.5
Gyeongbuk	7,269	7,280	7,355	75	1.0
Jeonnam	4,050	4,094	3,832	-262	-6.4
Jeonbuk	3,106	3,088	2,864	-224	-7.3
Chungnam	3,034	2,634	2,614	-20	-0.8
Chungbuk	2,477	2,447	2,391	-56	-2.3
Gangwon	2,166	2,048	2,064	17	0.8
Gyeonggi	2,107	2,032	1,929	-103	-5.1
Gyeongnam	1,916	1,764	1,727	-37	-2.1
Others	1,006	1,043	983	-60	-5.8

< Cultivated area of chili peppers of top 8 provinces >

