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# Production of Chili Pepper, Sesame and Highland Potatoes in 2024

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## Production of Chili Pepper, Sesame and Highland Potatoes in 2024

□ **The production of chili pepper recorded 68,074 tons in 2024, rising by 10.4% from 2023.**

○ 61,665 tons in 2023 → 68,074 tons in 2024 (6,409 tons↑, 10.4%↑)

- The production of chili pepper showed a year-on-year increase owing to better weather conditions.

□ **The production of sesame recorded 9,002 tons in 2024, increasing by 0.3% from 2023.**

○ 8,972 tons in 2023 → 9,002 tons in 2024 (31 tons↑, 0.3%↑)

- The production of sesame showed a year-on-year increase owing to a drop in precipitation for the July-August period.

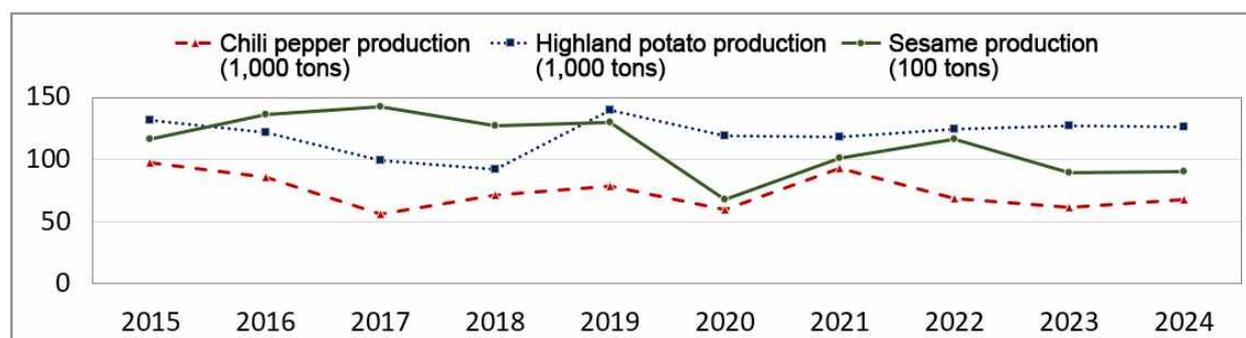
□ **The production of highland potatoes recorded 126,399 tons in 2024, falling by 0.2% from 2023.**

○ 126,702 tons in 2023 → 126,399 tons in 2024 (303 tons↓, 0.2%↓)

- The production of highland potatoes showed a year-on-year decrease due to poor growth caused by rising temperatures in major production regions.

< Cultivated area and production of chili pepper, sesame and highland potatoes >

Classification	Cultivated area (ha)			Production per 10a (kg)			Production (ton)		
	2023	2024	Percent change	2023	2024	Percent change	2023	2024	Percent change
Chili pepper	27,132	26,430	△2.6%	227	258	13.3%	61,665	68,074	10.4%
Sesame	21,292	18,856	△11.4%	42	48	13.3%	8,972	9,002	0.3%
Highland potato	3,835	3,928	2.4%	3,304	3,218	△2.6%	126,702	126,399	△0.2%



< Trend in the production of chili pepper, sesame and highland potatoes by year >

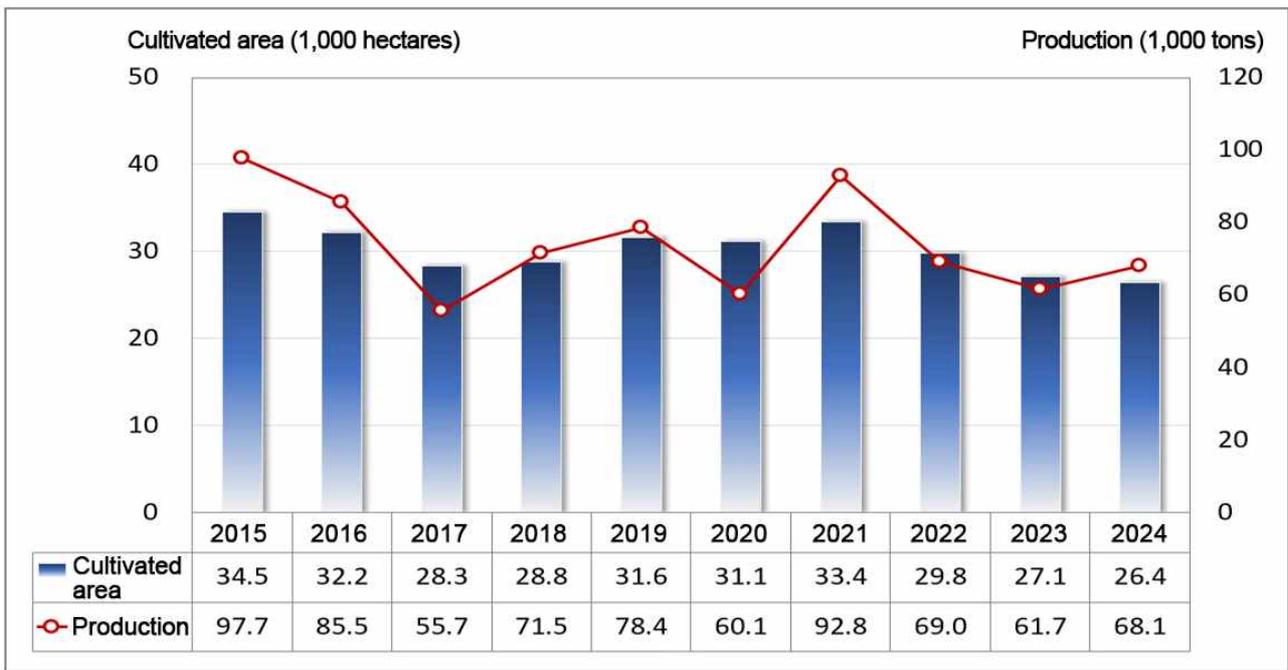
# 1. Chili pepper production

- The production of chili pepper recorded 68,074 tons in 2024, rising by 6,409 tons (10.4%) from 61,665 tons in 2023.
- The chili pepper production showed a year-on-year increase owing to the rise in the production per 10a (13.3%) despite the drop in the cultivated area ( $\Delta$ 2.6%).

< Cultivated area and production of chili pepper by year >

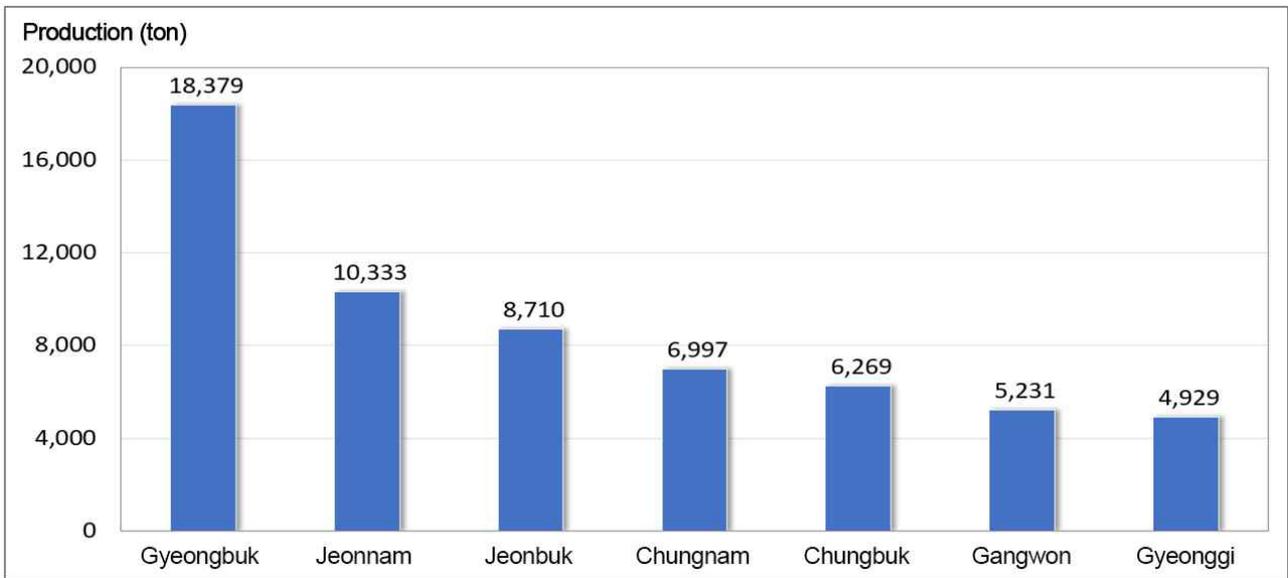
Classification	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Year-on-year
Cultivated area (ha)	31,644	31,146	33,373	29,770	27,132	26,430	$\Delta$ 2.6%
Production per 10a (kg)	248	193	278	232	227	258	13.3%
Production (ton)	78,437	60,076	92,757	68,984	61,665	68,074	10.4%

\* Unit: 1ha = 10,000m<sup>2</sup>, 10a = 1,000m<sup>2</sup>, 1 ton = 1,000kg



< Trend in the cultivated area and production of chili pepper by year >

- The cultivated area of chili pepper fell by 702ha ( $\Delta$ 2.6%) from 27,132 hectares in 2023 to 26,430 hectares in 2024.
- The production per 10a grew by 30kg (13.3%) from 227kg in 2023 to 258kg in 2024.
- As for chili pepper production by province, Gyeongbuk recorded the highest figure of 18,379 tons, which accounted for 27.0% of the total chili pepper production. This figure was followed by Jeonnam (10,333 tons, 15.2%) and Jeonbuk (8,710 tons, 12.8%).



< Chili pepper production of top 7 provinces >

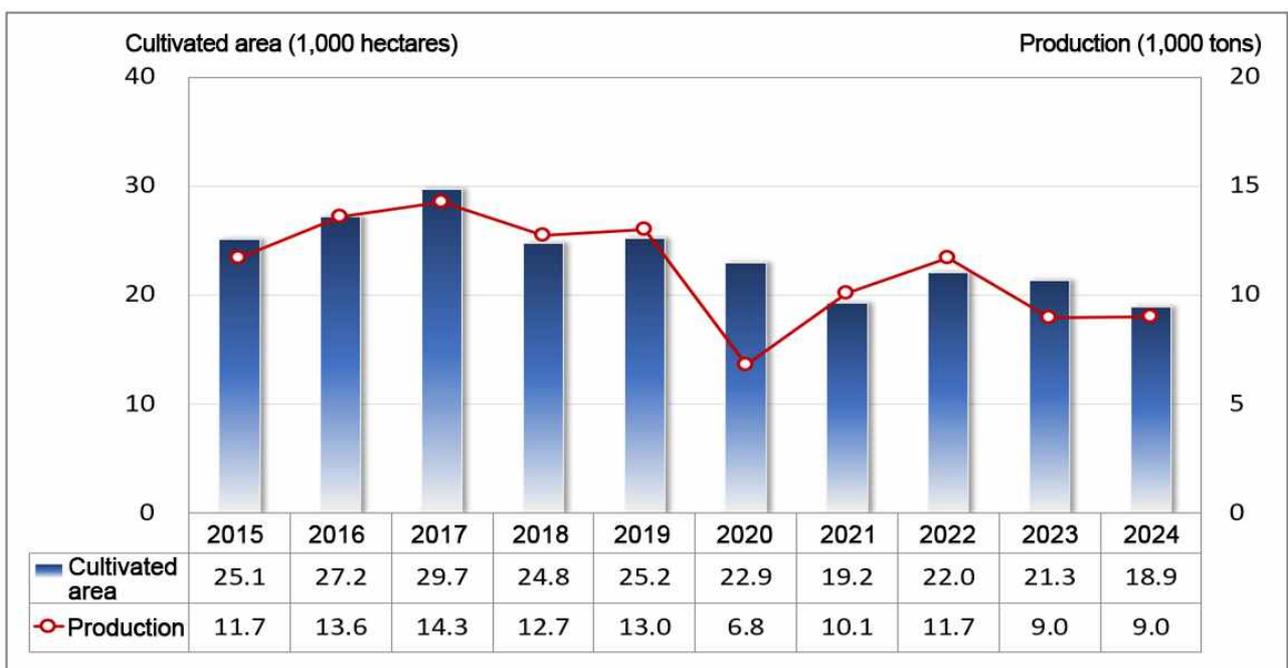
## 2. Sesame production

□ The production of sesame recorded **9,002 tons in 2024, increasing by 31 tons (0.3%) from 8,972 tons in 2023.**

○ The sesame production showed a year-on-year increase owing to the rise in the production per 10a (13.3%) despite the drop in the cultivated area ( $\Delta$ 11.4%).

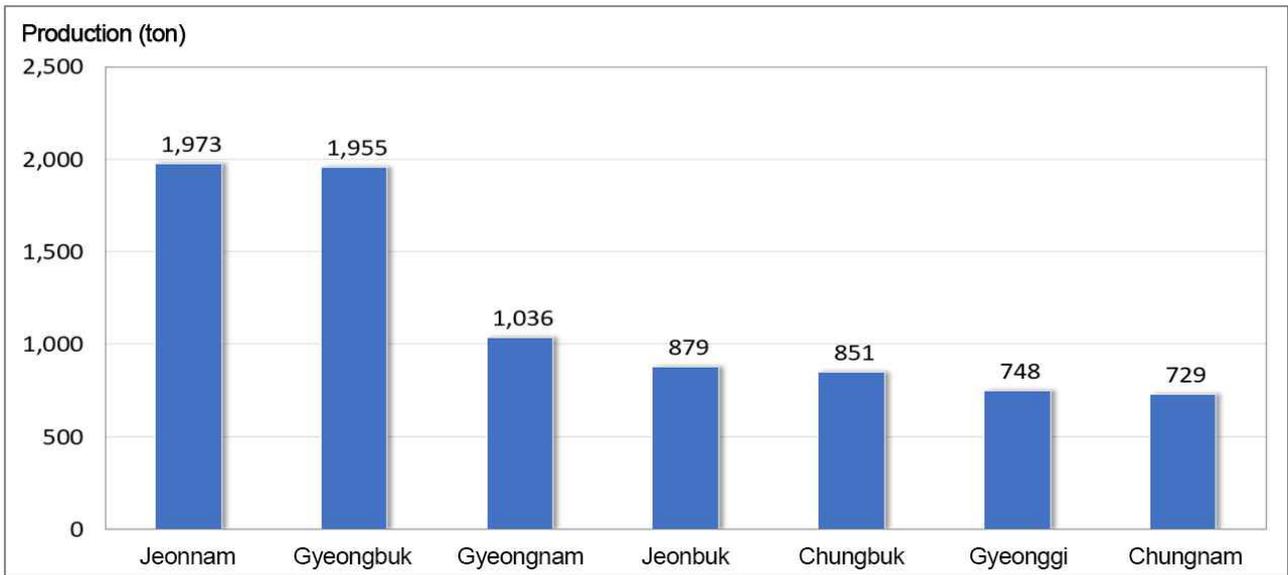
< Cultivated area and production of sesame by year >

Classification	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Year-on-year
Cultivated area (ha)	25,159	22,930	19,218	22,039	21,292	<b>18,856</b>	$\Delta$ 11.4%
Production per 10a (kg)	52	30	53	53	42	<b>48</b>	13.3%
Production (ton)	12,986	6,795	10,090	11,679	8,972	<b>9,002</b>	0.3%



< Trend in the cultivated area and production of sesame by year >

- The cultivated area of sesame fell by 2,436ha ( $\triangle 11.4\%$ ) from 21,292 hectares in 2023 to 18,856 hectares in 2024.
- The production per 10a grew by 6kg (13.3%) from 42kg in 2023 to 48kg in 2024.
- As for sesame production by province, Jeonnam recorded the highest figure of 1,973 tons, which occupied 21.9% of the total sesame production. This figure was followed by Gyeongbuk (1,955 tons, 21.7%) and Gyeongnam (1,036 tons, 11.5%).



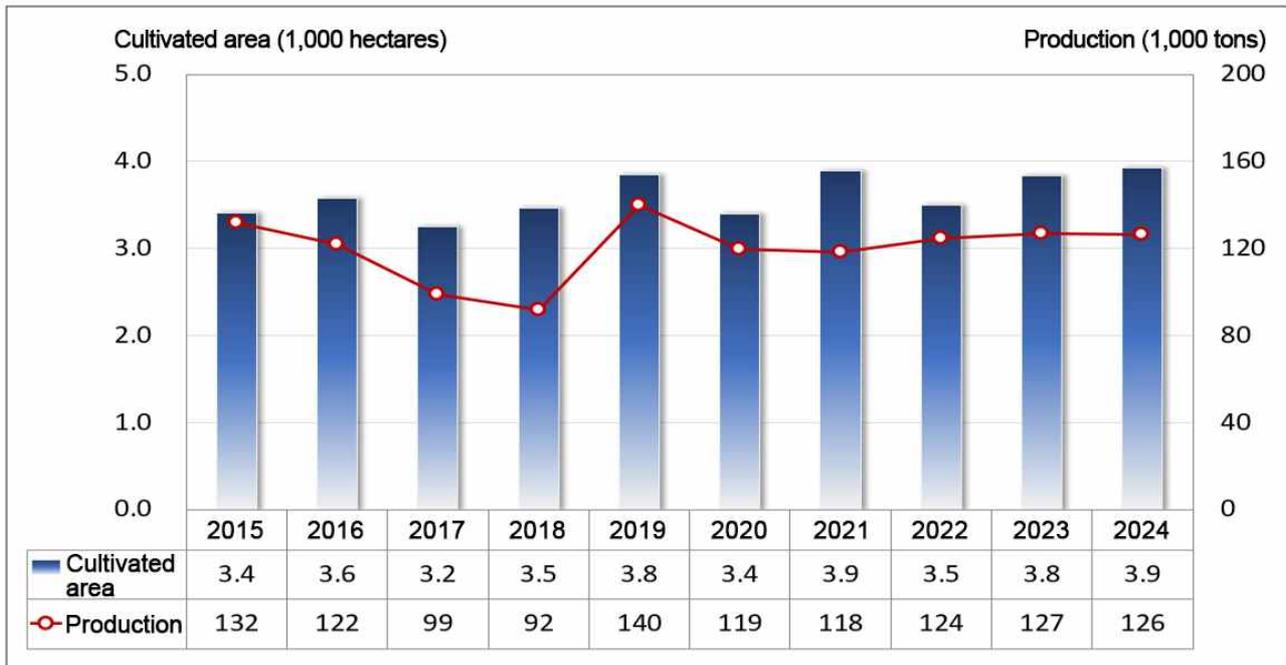
< Sesame production of top 7 provinces >

### 3. Highland potato production

- The production of highland potatoes recorded 126,399 tons in 2024, falling by 303 tons ( $\triangle 0.2\%$ ) from 126,702 tons in 2023.
- The highland potato production showed a year-on-year decrease owing to the drop in the production per 10a (2.6%) despite the rise in the cultivated area (2.4%).

< Cultivated area and production of highland potatoes by year >

Classification	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Year-on-year
Cultivated area (ha)	3,844	3,390	3,888	3,495	3,835	3,928	2.4%
Production per 10a (kg)	3,634	3,524	3,037	3,562	3,304	3,218	$\triangle 2.6\%$
Production (ton)	139,676	119,441	118,084	124,484	126,702	126,399	$\triangle 0.2\%$



< Trend in the cultivated area and production of highland potatoes by year >

- The cultivated area of highland potatoes rose by 92ha (2.4%) from 3,835 hectares in 2023 to 3,928 hectares in 2024.
- The production per 10a dropped by 85kg ( $\Delta$ 2.6%) from 3,304kg in 2023 to 3,218kg in 2024.
- As for highland potato production by province, Gangwon recorded the highest figure of 126,202 tons, which accounted for 99.8% of the total production. Gyeongbuk produced the remaining 0.2% of highland potatoes (198 tons).

< Cultivated area and production of potatoes >

Classification	Cultivated area (ha)			Production per 10a (kg)			Production (ton)		
	2023	2024	Percent change	2023	2024	Percent change	2023	2024	Percent change
Total	22,525	23,676	5.1%	2,443	-	-	550,293	-	-
Spring potato	14,699	15,521	5.6%	2,436	2,562	5.2%	358,022	397,613	11.1%
<b>Highland potato</b>	<b>3,835</b>	<b>3,928</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>3,304</b>	<b>3,218</b>	<b><math>\Delta</math>2.6%</b>	<b>126,702</b>	<b>126,399</b>	<b><math>\Delta</math>0.2%</b>
Autumn potato	3,992	4,227	5.9%	1,643	-	-	65,568	-	-