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○ Cultivated area: 698 thousand hectares in 2024 \rightarrow 678 thousand hectares in 2025 ($\Delta 2.9\%$)

○ Production per 10a: 514kg in 2024 \rightarrow 527kg in 2025 (2.7%)

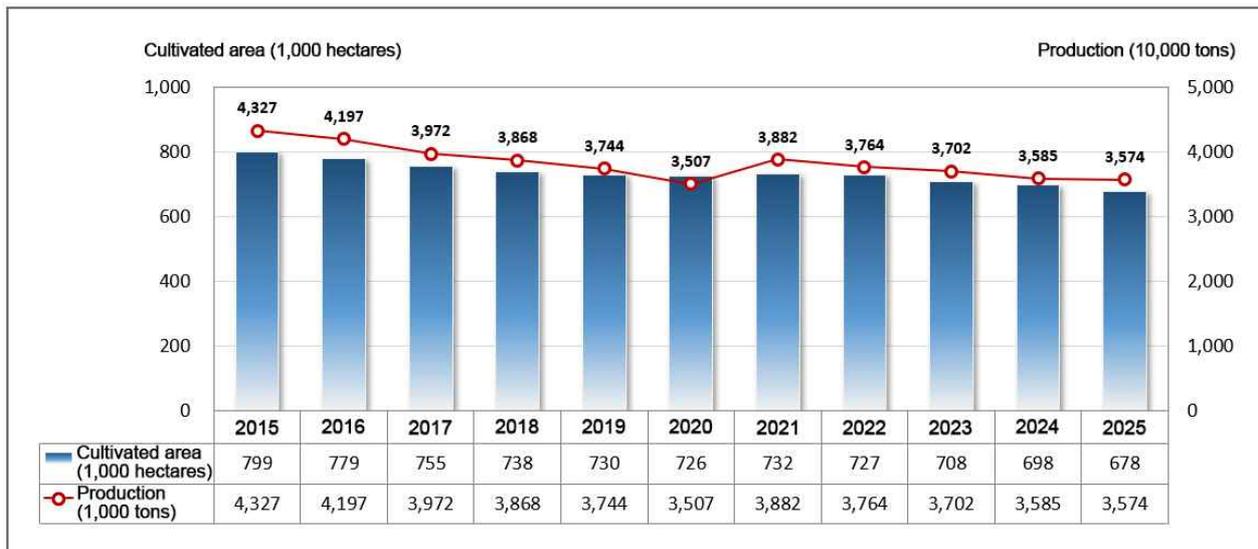
○ Total production: 3.585 million tons in 2024 \rightarrow 3.574 million tons in 2025 ($\Delta 0.3\%$)

< Cultivated area and production of rice by year >

Classification	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Year-on-year
Cultivated area (1,000 hectares)	730	726	732	727	708	698	678	$\Delta 2.9\%$
Production per 10a (kg)	513	483	530	518	523	514	527	2.7%
Total production (1,000 tons)	3,744	3,507	3,882	3,764	3,702	3,585	3,574	$\Delta 0.3\%$

Note) Based on the ratio of brown rice to white rice at 92.9% and paddy rice production per 10a

* Unit: 1ha = 10,000m², 10a = 1,000m², 1 ton = 1,000kg



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

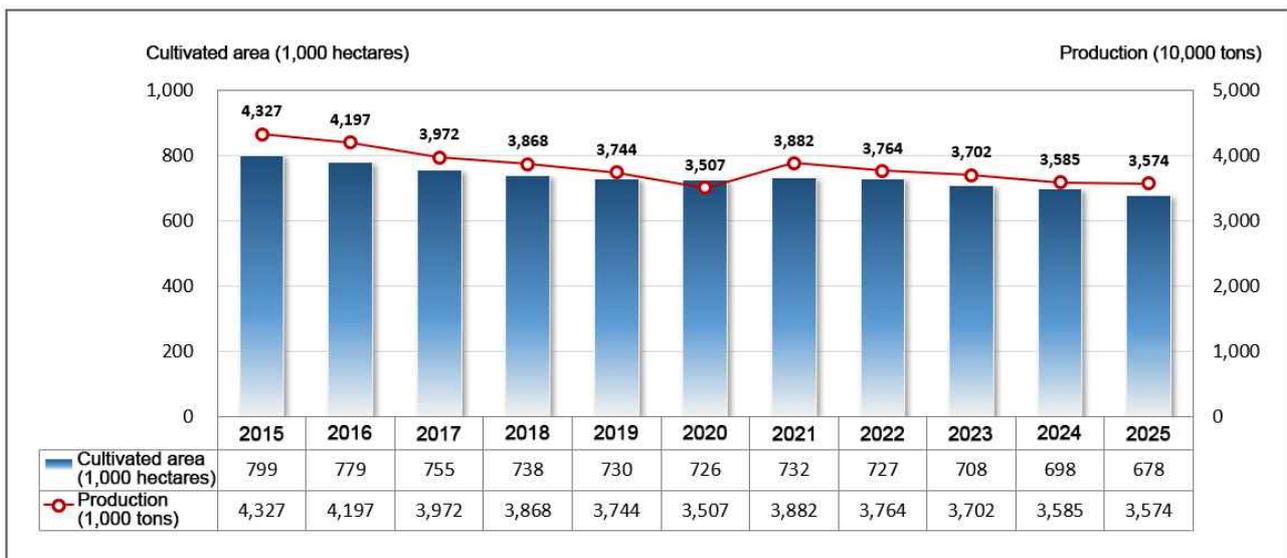
1. Estimated Rice Production of the Nation

- The rice production is estimated to record **3.574 million tons in 2025, falling by 11 thousand tons ($\Delta 0.3\%$) from 3.585 million tons in 2024.**
- Estimated rice production (the ratio of brown rice to white rice at 92.9%): 3.585 million tons in 2024 → 3.574 million tons in 2025
- * Estimated rice production when applying the ratio of brown rice to white rice at 90.4%: 3.488 million tons in 2024 → 3.478 million tons in 2025
- The total rice production is estimated to fall by 11 thousand tons ($\Delta 0.3\%$) from the previous year due to the decrease in the cultivated area ($\Delta 2.9\%$).

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- **The cultivated area of rice totaled 678 thousand hectares in 2025, which declined by 2.9% from 698 thousand hectares in 2024.**
- The cultivated area of rice showed a decrease owing to government policies* to produce the appropriate quantity of rice for the balance between rice supply and demand.

* Direct payment program for strategic crops, non-rice paddy crop support project (by local governments), etc.

□ The rice production per 10a is estimated to record 527kg in 2025, rising by 2.7% from 514kg in 2024.

○ Estimated rice production per 10a (the ratio of brown rice to white rice at 92.9%): 514kg in 2024 → 527kg in 2025

* Rice production per 10a when applying the ratio of brown rice to white rice at 90.4%: 500kg in 2024 → 513kg in 2025

○ The rice production per 10a is estimated to record a year-on-year increase owing to an increase in the number of ears per root and the number of whole grains per m², which resulted from favorable weather conditions including sunshine hours during the June-August period.

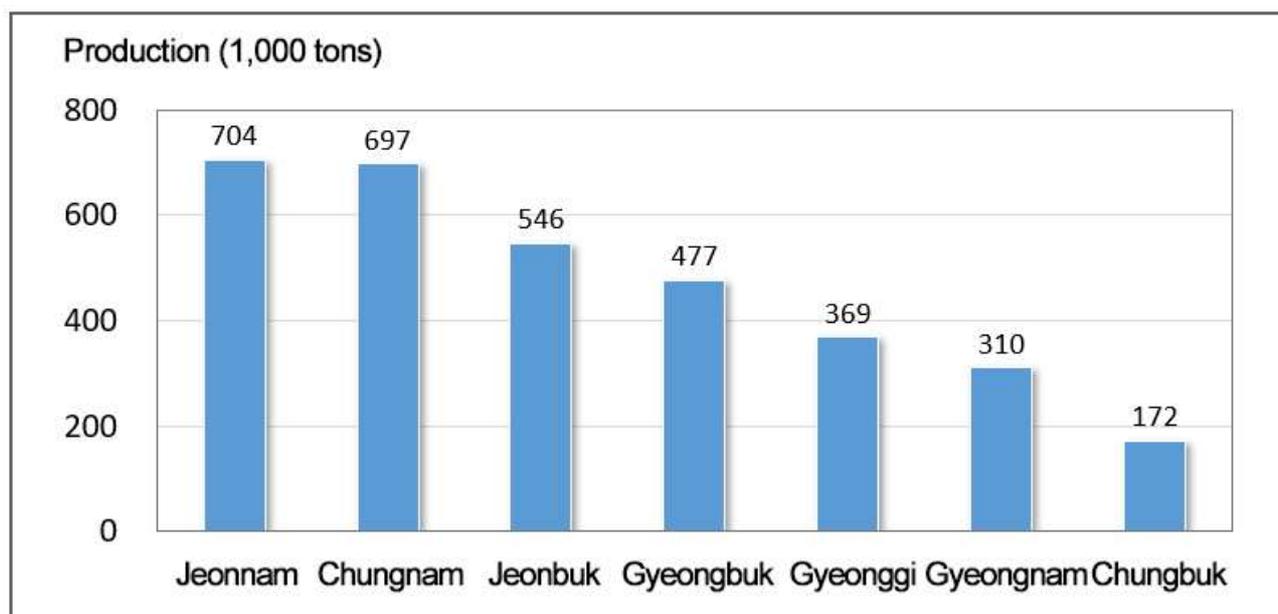
- Number of ears per root: 21.0 ears in 2024 → 22.1 ears in 2025 (1.1 ear↑)

- Number of whole grains per m²: 29,628 grains in 2024 → 30,220 grains in 2025 (592 grains↑)

· Sunshine hours (June ~ August): 634.5 hours in 2024 → 662.7 hours in 2025

2. Estimated Rice Production by Province

□ As for rice production by province, Jeonnam recorded the highest figure at 704 thousand tons, which was followed by Chungnam (697 thousand tons) and Jeonbuk (546 thousand tons).



< Estimated rice production of top 7 provinces >