

Development of community based agricultural corporations and co-operatives

Agri-Food Business

Aiming for co-operation to realize reconstruction of the area centered on agriculture

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Research summary

Background

- New initiatives are expanding, such as the emergence of villages and community-based agricultural corporations.
- Expectations and interest in co-operatives are increasing, including establishment of the Japan Co-operative Alliance (2018).

Purpose

- We will study the restructuring of organizations, businesses, and regions, keeping in mind community based agricultural corporations that have been developed in the hilly and mountainous areas.
- We will consider cooperation between co-operatives and measures for the creation and development of regional cooperative organizations.

Main achievements

- Since the 1990s, it has been clarified that the community based agricultural corporations is not only limited to the conservation and utilization adjustment of agricultural land, but also extends to regional development while diversifying management. (Reference [1])
- We have clarified the basic ideas and measures for co-operatives such as agricultural and consumer co-operatives to play a role as being rooted in the community. (Reference [2])



Farm of an agricultural production corporation run by a local manufacturing industry (Nanao City, Ishikawa Prefecture)



Collaboration by agricultural and consumer co-operatives (Left: Fukui City, Fukui Prefecture Right: Matsushima Town, Miyagi Prefecture)

Prospects for collaboration

[Collaboration with prefectures and municipalities]

We will work on creating visions and plans while communicating with the persons concerned.

[Collaboration with local related organizations such as co-operatives]

We will consider measures for the creation, cooperation, and development of co-operative organizations.



Main research results (Left: Document [1] Right: Document [2])



Appeal point

As the division between food and agriculture, town and village, consumers and producers, and urban and rural areas progresses, I would like to develop a "food and agriculture symbiosis theory" that re-spins these vertically and horizontally.