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Agricultural Area Survey in 2025

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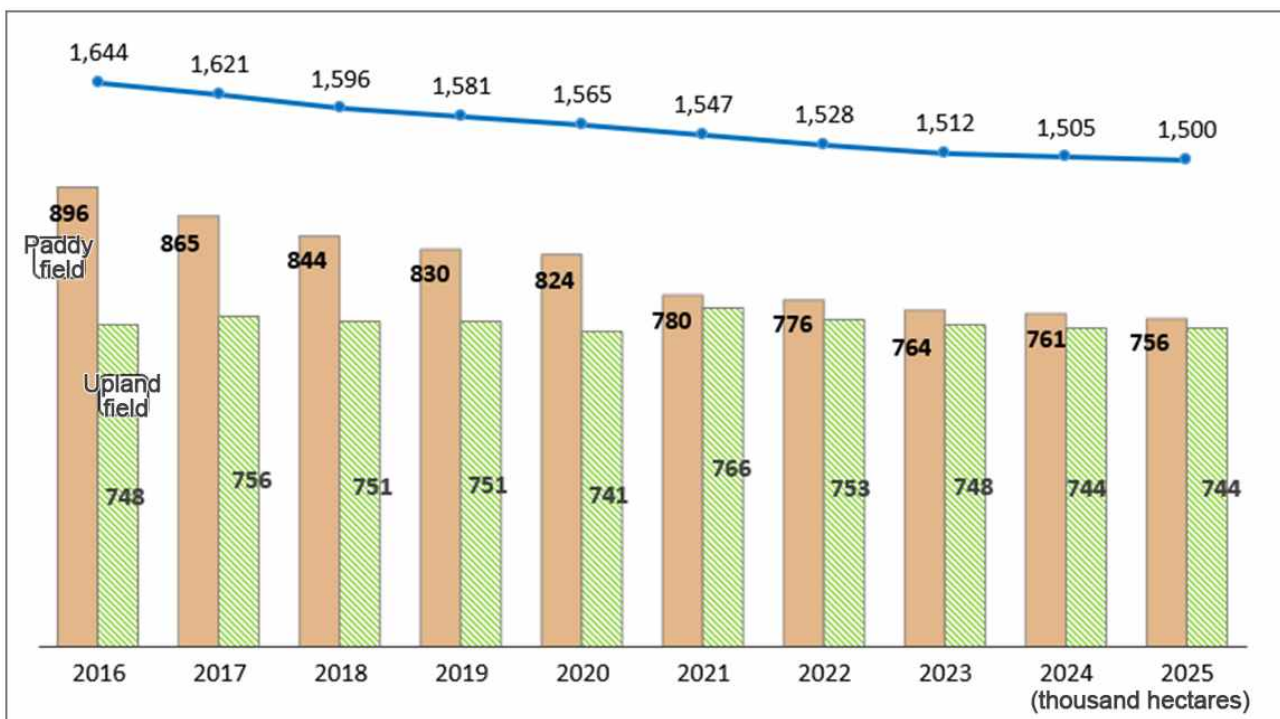
- The agricultural area marked 1.500 million hectares in 2025, which decreased by 0.3% (5 thousand hectares) from 2024.
- Paddy field and upland field marked 756 thousand hectares (50.4%) and 744 thousand hectares (49.6%), respectively.

< Agricultural area by year (2016~2025) >

(Unit: thousand hectares, %)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Agricultural area	1,644	1,621	1,596	1,581	1,565	1,547	1,528	1,512	1,505	1,500
Paddy field	896	865	844	830	824	780	776	764	761	756
Upland field	748	756	751	751	741	766	753	748	744	744
Percent change	-2.1	-1.4	-1.6	-0.9	-1.0	-1.2	-1.2	-1.1	-0.5	-0.3

< Agricultural area by year (2016~2025) >



1. Agricultural area of the nation

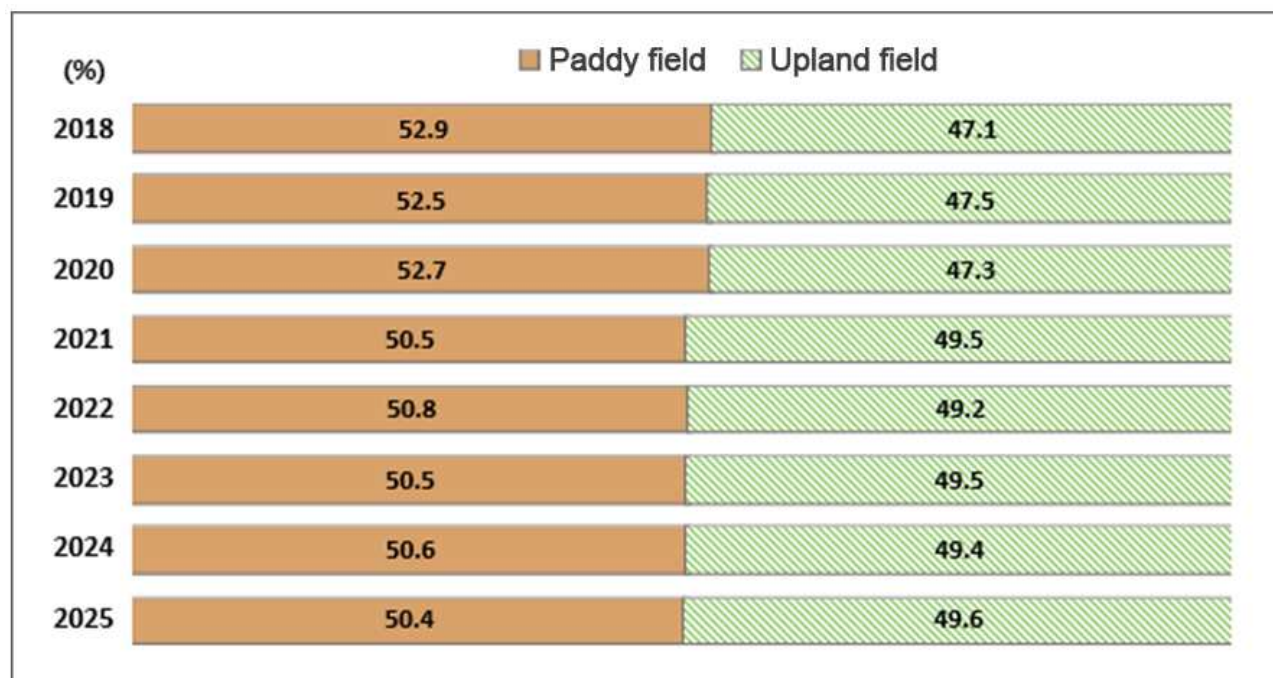
- The agricultural area recorded 1,499,911 hectares in 2025, which declined by 4,704 hectares (-0.3%) from 1,504,615 hectares in 2024.
- The area of paddy field recorded 755,952 hectares in 2025, which dropped by 5,059 hectares (-0.7%) from 761,011 hectares in 2024.
 - Paddy field accounted for 50.4% of the total agricultural area in 2025, falling by 0.2%p from 50.6% in 2024.
- The area of upland field recorded 743,959 hectares in 2025, which grew by 356 hectares (0.0%) from 743,603 hectares in 2024.
 - Upland field accounted for 49.6% of the total agricultural area in 2025, rising by 0.2%p from 49.4% in 2024.

< Agricultural area by field type >

(Unit: thousand hectares, %)

	2023	2024 (A)	2025 (B)	Change (C=B-A)	Percent change (C/A)
Agricultural area	1,512	1,505	1,500	-5	-0.3
Paddy field	764	761	756	-5	-0.7
Upland field	748	744	744	0	0.0

< Share of agricultural area by field type by year (2018~2025) >



2. Agricultural area by reason for the change

□ The increase in agricultural area stood at 13 thousand hectares. The decrease in agricultural area stood at 17 thousand hectares. Therefore, the total agricultural area dropped by 5 thousand hectares compared to 2024.

○ As for reasons for the increase in agricultural area, 'Land reclamation' and 'Others' marked 1 hundred hectares and 4 hundred hectares, respectively. As for reasons for the decrease in agricultural area, 'Buildings', 'Others' and 'Public facilities' marked 2 thousand hectares, 2 thousand hectares and 9 hundred hectares, respectively.

< Agricultural area by reason for the change >

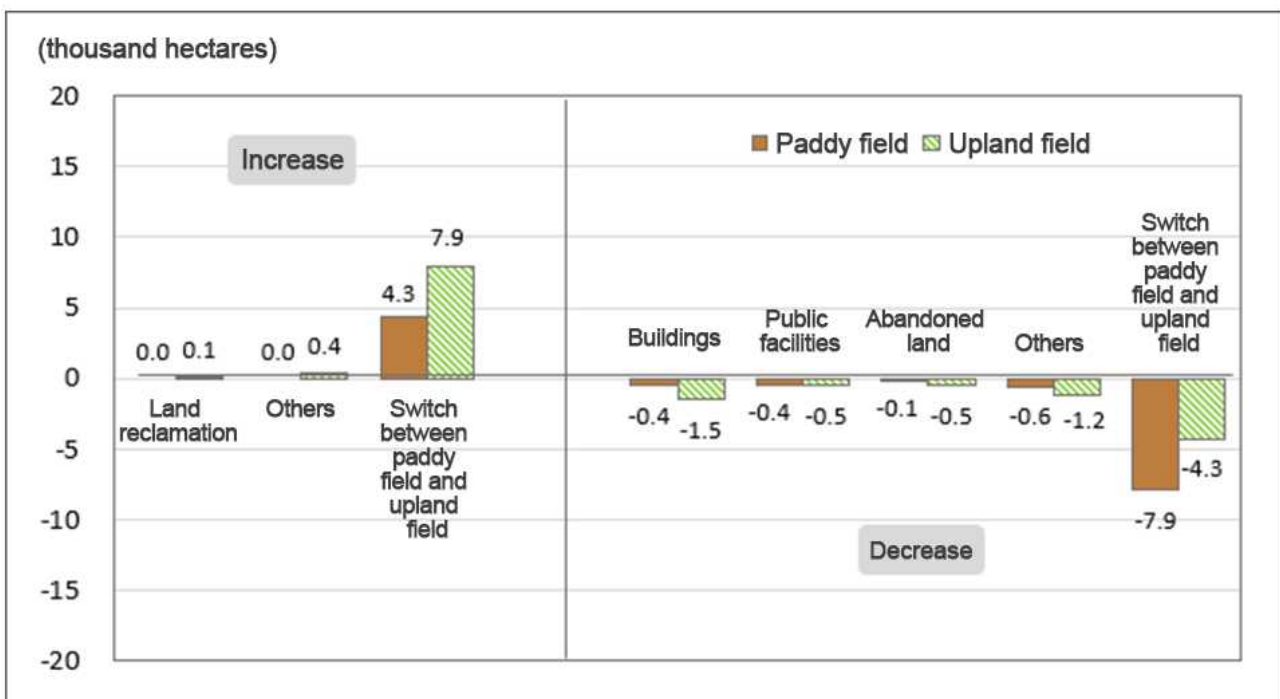
(Unit: thousand hectares)

	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	12.7	0.1	0.4	12.2	-17.4	-1.9	-0.9	-0.6	-1.8	-12.2	-4.7
Paddy field	4.3	0.0	0.0	4.3	-9.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.1	-0.6	-7.9	-5.0
Upland field	8.4	0.1	0.4	7.9	-8.0	-1.5	-0.5	-0.5	-1.2	-4.3	0.4

* Others (increase): Restoration, etc.

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

< Agricultural area by reason for the change in 2025 >



3. Agricultural area by province

- As for agricultural area by province, Jeonnam recorded the highest figure of 273 thousand hectares, which took up 18.2% of the total agricultural area. This figure was followed by Gyeongbuk (235 thousand hectares, 15.7%) and Chungnam (212 thousand hectares, 14.1%).
- As for the area of paddy field by province, Jeonnam recorded the highest figure of 161 thousand hectares, which accounted for 21.3% of the total area of paddy field. This figure was followed by Chungnam (139 thousand hectares, 18.3%), Jeonbuk (121 thousand hectares, 16.0%) and Gyeongbuk (97 thousand hectares, 12.8%).
- 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, 15.1%), Chungnam (73 thousand hectares, 9.9%) and Gyeonggi (70 thousand hectares, 9.4%).

< Agricultural area by province and field type in 2025 >

