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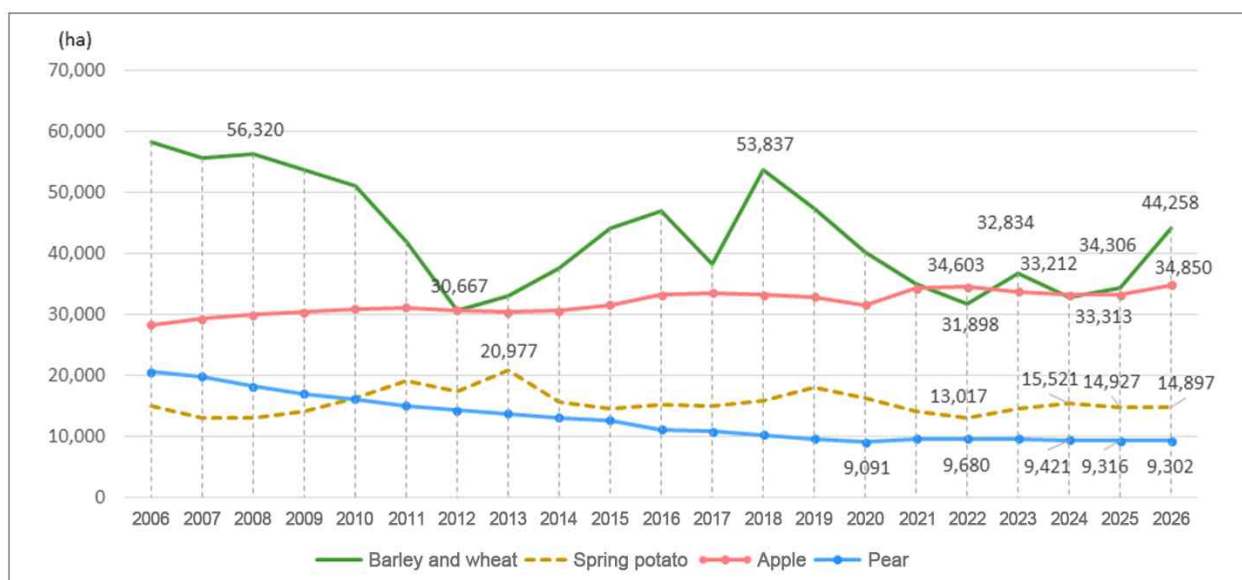
Preliminary Results of the Cultivated Area of Barley, Wheat, Spring Potatoes, Apples and Pears in 2026

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Preliminary Results of the Cultivated Area of Barley, Wheat, Spring Potatoes, Apples and Pears in 2026

- ☐ The cultivated area of barley and wheat grew by 29.0% from 34,306ha in 2025 to 44,258ha in 2026.
- ☐ The cultivated area of spring potatoes fell by 0.2% from 14,927ha in 2025 to 14,897ha in 2026.
- ☐ The cultivated area of apples rose by 4.9% from 33,212ha in 2025 to 34,850ha in 2026.
- ☐ The cultivated area of pears fell by 0.1% from 9,316ha in 2025 to 9,302ha in 2026.

< Cultivated area of barley, wheat, spring potatoes, apples and pears by year (2006~2026) >



< Cultivated area of barley, wheat, spring potatoes, apples and pears in 2026 >

(Unit: ha, %)

	2024	2025 (A)	2026 (B)	Change (C = B - A)	Percent change (C/A)
■ Barley and wheat	32,834	34,306	44,258	9,953	29.0
■ Spring potato	15,521	14,927	14,897	-30	-0.2
■ Apple	33,313	33,212	34,850	1,639	4.9
■ Pear	9,421	9,316	9,302	-14	-0.1

1. Cultivated area of barley and wheat

The cultivated area of barley and wheat increased by 9,953ha (29.0%) from 34,306ha in 2025 to 44,258ha in 2026.

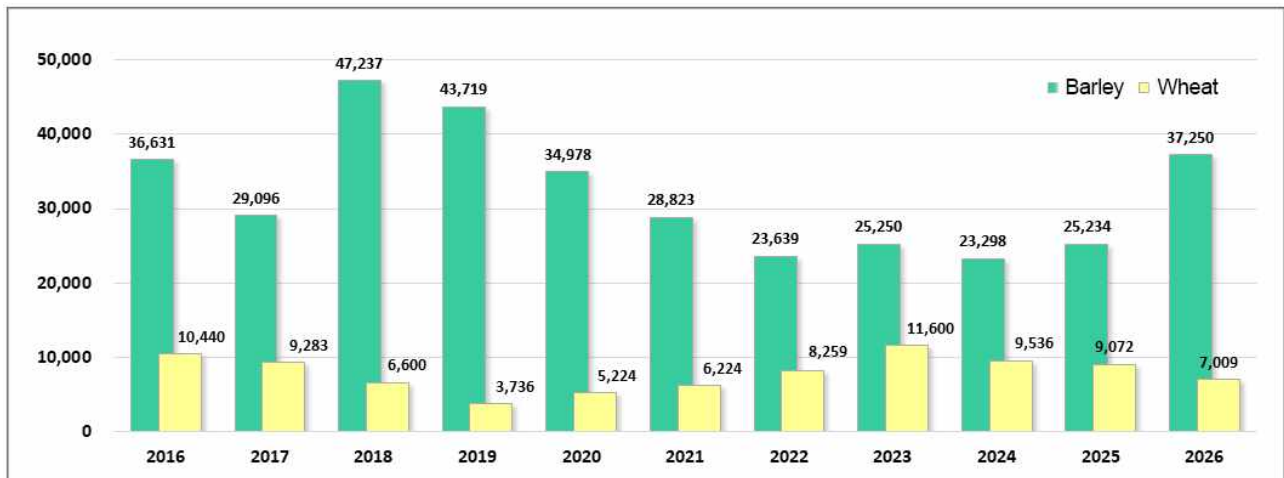
- Compared to 2025, the cultivated area of beer barley, hulless barley and hulled barley grew by 3,293ha (60.6%), 7,017ha (52.4%) and 1,706ha (26.6%), respectively. Whereas, the cultivated area of wheat fell by 2,063ha (-22.7%).

< Cultivated area of barley and wheat in 2026 >

(Unit: ha, %)

	2024	2025 (A)	2026 (B)	Change (C=B-A)	Percent change (C/A)
Barley and wheat	32,834	34,306	44,258	9,953	29.0
Barley	23,298	25,234	37,250	12,016	47.6
Hulled barley	6,398	6,420	8,126	1,706	26.6
Hulless barley	11,432	13,384	20,400	7,017	52.4
Beer barley	5,468	5,430	8,723	3,293	60.6
Wheat	9,536	9,072	7,009	-2,063	-22.7

< Cultivated area of barley and wheat by year (2016~2026) >



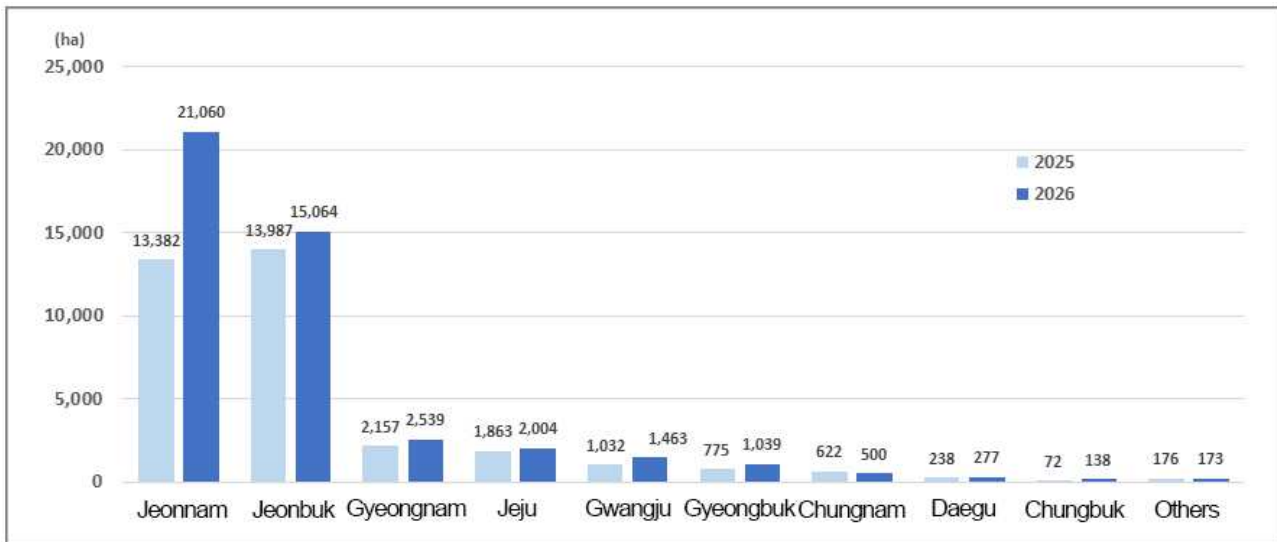
- Cultivated area of barley and wheat of major provinces

< Cultivated area of barley and wheat of major provinces in 2026 >

(Unit: ha, %)

Rank	Province	2025 (A)	2026 (B)	Change (C=B-A)	Percent change (C/A)
	The nation	34,306	44,258	9,953	29.0
1	Jeonnam	13,382	21,060	7,678	57.4
2	Jeonbuk	13,987	15,064	1,077	7.7
3	Gyeongnam	2,157	2,539	382	17.7
4	Jeju	1,863	2,004	141	7.6
5	Gwangju	1,032	1,463	431	41.7
6	Gyeongbuk	775	1,039	264	34.0
7	Chungnam	622	500	-123	-19.7
8	Daegu	238	277	40	16.7
9	Chungbuk	72	138	66	91.2
10	Others	176	173	-3	-1.7

< Cultivated area of barley and wheat of major provinces in 2026 >



(1) Barley

- ☐ The cultivated area of barley grew by 12,016ha (47.6%) from 25,234ha in 2025 to 37,250ha in 2026.

- As for the cultivated area of barley by province, Jeonnam recorded the highest figure of 18,013ha, which was followed by Jeonbuk (13,164ha) and Jeju (1,944ha).

○ Hulled barley

- The cultivated area of hulled barley grew by 1,706ha (26.6%) from 6,420ha in 2025 to 8,126ha in 2026.

- As for the cultivated area of hulled barley by province, Jeonbuk recorded the highest figure of 5,617ha, which was followed by Gyeongnam (1,229ha) and Gyeongbuk (740ha).

○ Hulless barley

- The cultivated area of hulless barley rose by 7,017ha (52.4%) from 13,384ha in 2025 to 20,400ha in 2026.

- As for the cultivated area of hulless barley by province, Jeonnam recorded the highest figure of 11,366ha, which was followed by Jeonbuk (7,386ha) and Chungnam (380ha).

○ Beer barley

- The cultivated area of beer barley grew by 3,293ha (60.6%) from 5,430ha in 2025 to 8,723ha in 2026.

- As for the cultivated area of beer barley by province, Jeonnam recorded the highest figure of 6,614ha, which was followed by Jeju (1,647ha) and Gyeongnam (285ha).

(2) Wheat

- ☐ The cultivated area of wheat fell by 2,063ha (-22.7%) from 9,072ha in 2025 to 7,009ha in 2026.

- As for the cultivated area of wheat by province, Jeonnam recorded the highest figure of 3,047ha, which was followed by Jeonbuk (1,900ha) and Gwangju (1,129ha).

2. Cultivated area of spring potatoes

The cultivated area of spring potatoes decreased by 30ha (-0.2%) from 14,927ha in 2025 to 14,897ha in 2026.

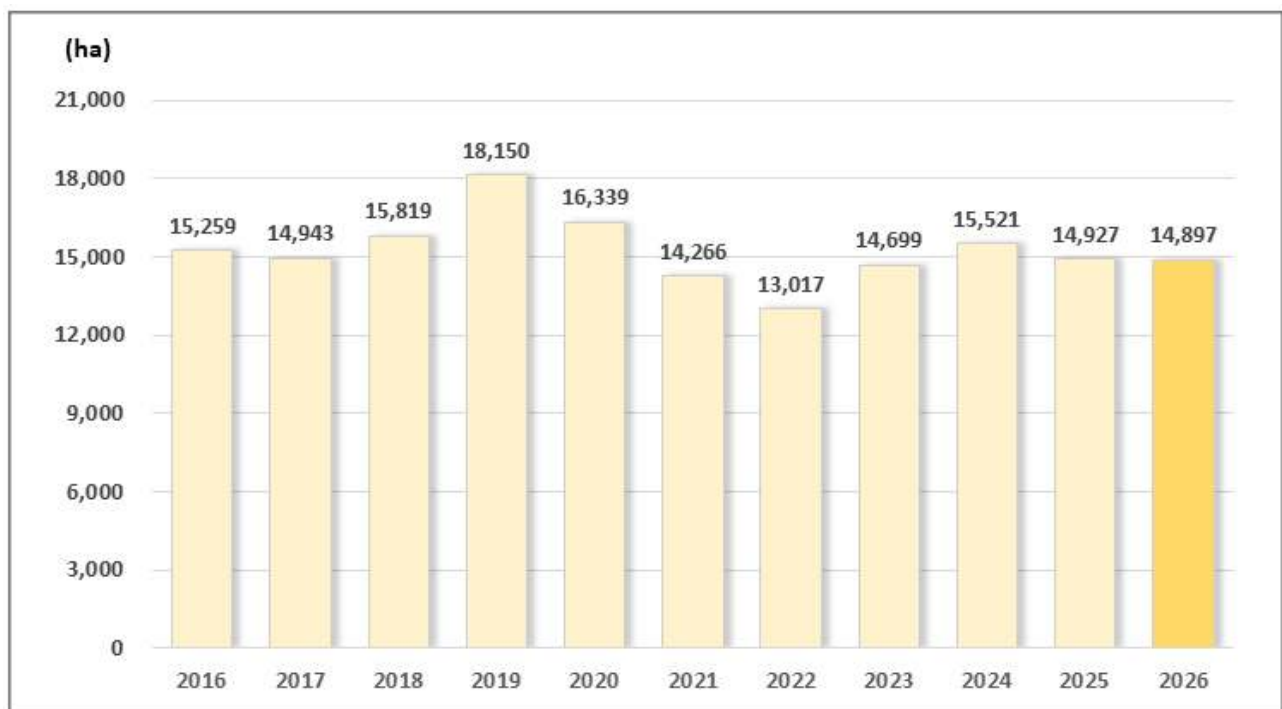
- The cultivated area of spring potatoes fell by 30ha (-0.2%) from 14,927ha in 2025 to 14,897ha in 2026.

< Cultivated area of spring potatoes in 2026 >

(Unit: ha, %)

	2024	2025 (A)	2026 (B)	Change (C=B-A)	Percent change (C/A)
Spring potatoes	15,521	14,927	14,897	-30	-0.2

< Cultivated area of spring potatoes by year (2016~2026) >



○ Cultivated area of spring potatoes of major provinces

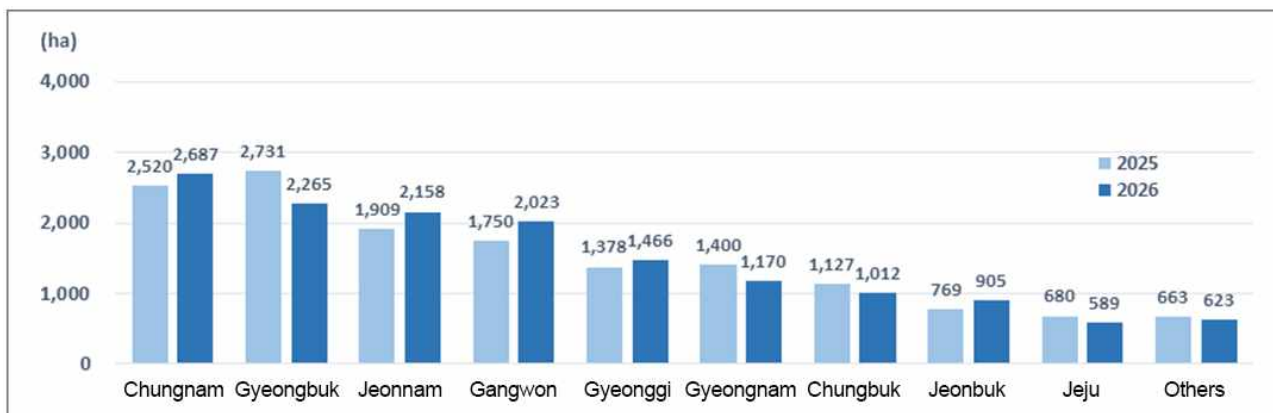
- As for the cultivated area of spring potatoes by province, Chungnam recorded the highest figure of 2,687ha, which was followed by Gyeongbuk (2,265ha), Jeonnam (2,158ha), Gangwon (2,023ha) and Gyeonggi (1,466ha).

< Cultivated area of spring potatoes of major provinces in 2026 >

(Unit: ha, %)

Rank	Province	2025 (A)	2026 (B)	Change (C=B-A)	Percent change (C/A)
	The nation	14,927	14,897	-30	-0.2
1	Chungnam	2,520	2,687	168	6.7
2	Gyeongbuk	2,731	2,265	-467	-17.1
3	Jeonnam	1,909	2,158	249	13.0
4	Gangwon	1,750	2,023	274	15.6
5	Gyeonggi	1,378	1,466	88	6.4
6	Gyeongnam	1,400	1,170	-230	-16.4
7	Chungbuk	1,127	1,012	-115	-10.2
8	Jeonbuk	769	905	136	17.7
9	Jeju	680	589	-92	-13.5
10	Others	663	623	-40	-6.0

< Cultivated area of spring potatoes of major provinces in 2026 >



3. Cultivated area of apples

The cultivated area of apples rose by 1,639ha (4.9%) from 33,212ha in 2025 to 34,850ha in 2026.

○ **(Fruiting apple trees)**

The cultivated area of fruiting apple trees grew by 612ha (2.6%) from 23,180ha in 2025 to 23,791ha in 2026.

○ **(Non-fruiting apple trees)**

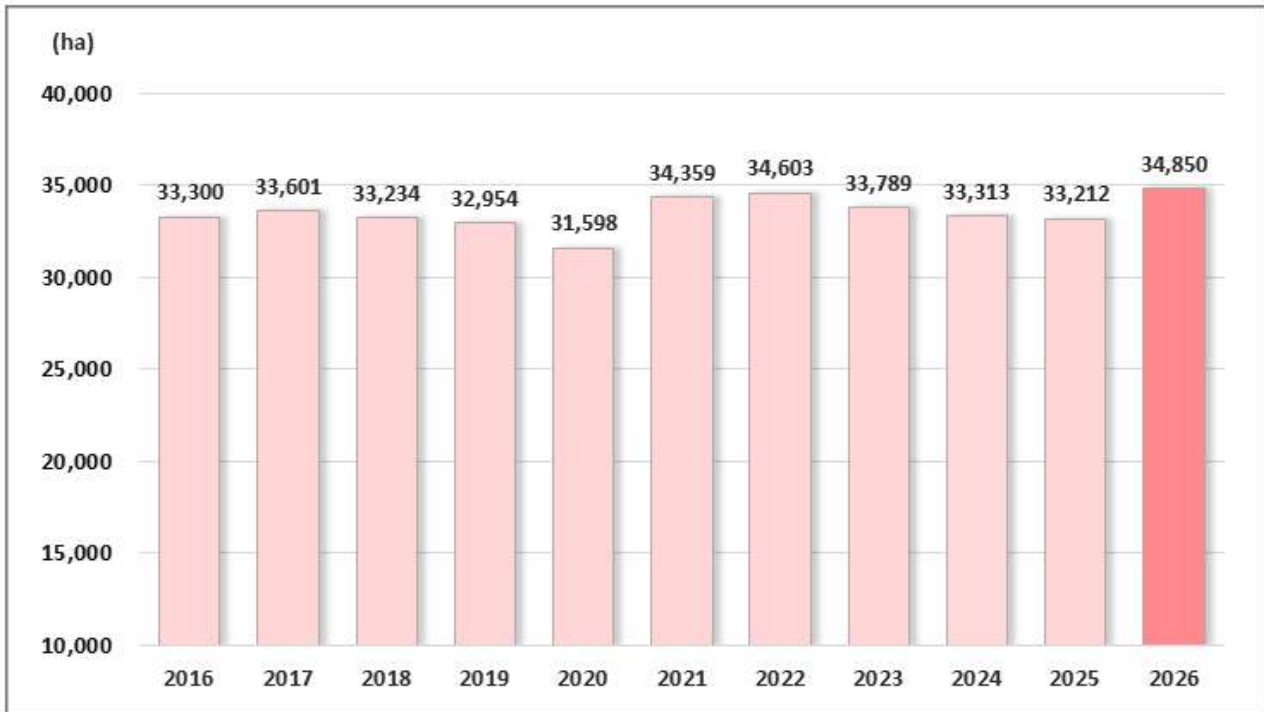
The cultivated area of non-fruiting apple trees rose by 1,027ha (10.2%) from 10,032ha in 2025 to 11,059ha in 2026.

< Cultivated area of apples in 2026 >

(Unit: ha, %)

	2024	2025 (A)	2026 (B)	Change (C=B-A)	Percent change (C/A)
Apples	33,313	33,212	34,850	1,639	4.9
Fruiting apple trees	24,066	23,180	23,791	612	2.6
Non-fruiting apple trees	9,247	10,032	11,059	1,027	10.2

< Cultivated area of apples by year (2016~2026) >



○ Cultivated area of apples of major provinces

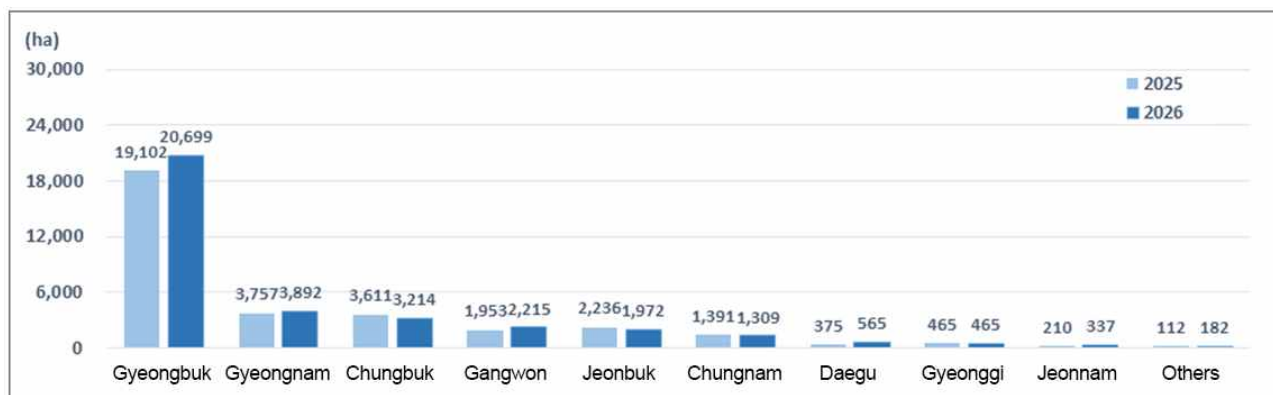
- As for the cultivated area of apples by province, Gyeongbuk recorded the highest figure of 20,699ha, which was followed by Gyeongnam (3,892ha), Chungbuk (3,214ha) and Gangwon (2,215ha).

< Cultivated area of apples of major provinces in 2026 >

(Unit: ha, %)

Rank	Province	2025 (A)	2026 (B)	Change (C=B-A)	Percent change (C/A)
	The nation	33,212	34,850	1,639	4.9
1	Gyeongbuk	19,102	20,699	1,597	8.4
2	Gyeongnam	3,757	3,892	135	3.6
3	Chungbuk	3,611	3,214	-396	-11.0
4	Gangwon	1,953	2,215	262	13.4
5	Jeonbuk	2,236	1,972	-264	-11.8
6	Chungnam	1,391	1,309	-82	-5.9
7	Daegu	375	565	190	50.5
8	Gyeonggi	465	465	1	0.2
9	Jeonnam	210	337	126	60.2
10	Others	112	182	70	62.4

< Cultivated area of apples of major provinces in 2026 >



4. Cultivated area of pears

The cultivated area of pears decreased by 14ha (-0.1%) from 9,316ha in 2025 to 9,302ha in 2026.

○ **(Fruiting pear trees)**

The cultivated area of fruiting pear trees grew by 154ha (1.9%) from 8,322ha in 2025 to 8,477ha in 2026.

○ **(Non-fruiting pear trees)**

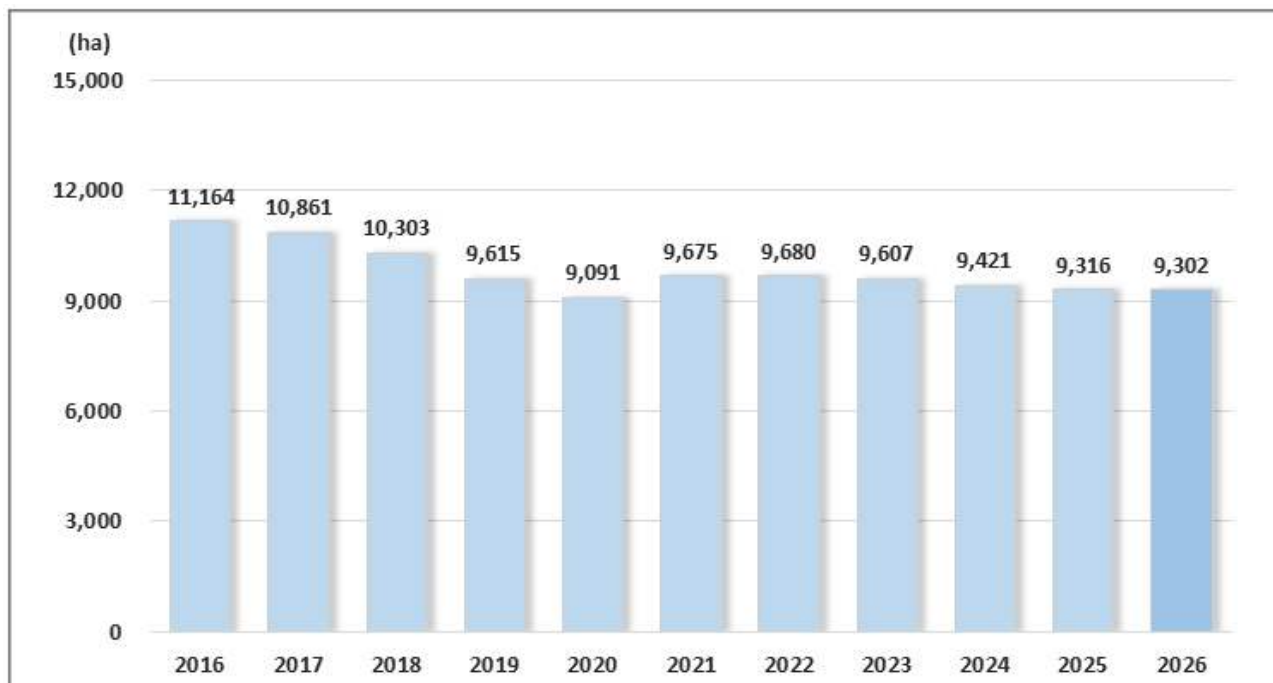
The cultivated area of non-fruiting pear trees declined by 168ha (-16.9%) from 993ha in 2025 to 825ha in 2026.

< Cultivated area of pears in 2026 >

(Unit: ha, %)

	2024	2025 (A)	2026 (B)	Change (C=B-A)	Percent change (C/A)
Pears	9,421	9,316	9,302	-14	-0.1
Fruiting pear trees	8,529	8,322	8,477	154	1.9
Non-fruiting pear trees	892	993	825	-168	-16.9

< Cultivated area of pears by year (2016~2026) >



○ Cultivated area of pears of major provinces

- As for the cultivated area of pears by province, Jeonnam recorded the highest figure of 2,557ha, which was followed by Chungnam (2,081ha), Gyeonggi (1,641ha) and Gyeongbuk (1,014ha).

< Cultivated area of pears of major provinces in 2026 >

(Unit: ha, %)

Rank	Province	2025 (A)	2026 (B)	Change (C=B-A)	Percent change (C/A)
	The nation	9,316	9,302	-14	-0.1
1	Jeonnam	2,735	2,557	-178	-6.5
2	Chungnam	2,037	2,081	43	2.1
3	Gyeonggi	1,363	1,641	278	20.4
4	Gyeongbuk	969	1,014	45	4.6
5	Gyeongnam	470	540	70	15.0
6	Jeonbuk	860	541	-318	-37.0
7	Ulsan	399	361	-38	-9.5
8	Chungbuk	162	193	31	19.2
9	Gangwon	115	100	-15	-13.2
10	Others	206	274	68	33.1

< Cultivated area of pears of major provinces in 2026 >

