

Overview of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

The number of workers engaged in agriculture, forestry and fisheries in Japan has decreased, and the share of this industry in the gross domestic product (GDP) has also declined as the economy grows. The number of workers decreased from 14.39 million in 1960 (32.7 percent of the total workforce) to 2.97 million in 2005 (4.8 percent of the total workforce). The share in GDP fell from 12.8 percent in 1960 to 1.4 percent in 2005.

Table 5.1

Indices of Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery Production

(2000=100)

Year	Total	Agriculture	Rice	Vegetables	Livestock products	Forestry	Fisheries
Weights	10,000	7,898 10,000	2,586	2,500	2,668	495	1,607
1990	114.9	111.1	110.9	113.6	107.2	136.0	125.2
1995	107.8	106.0	113.5	104.4	103.4	117.9	112.6
2000	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2005	94.8	95.3	95.7	91.5	97.2	95.0	92.0

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

Agriculture

1. Agricultural Production

The overall index of agricultural production (2000 as the base year = 100; on a volume basis) was 95.3 in 2005, up 1.4 percent from the previous year. This increase was driven mainly by higher production of rice and fruits, which offset lower production of industrial crops and livestock products compared to the previous year.