Situation of corn production and breeding in Japan



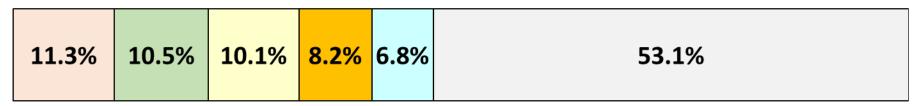
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Corn import



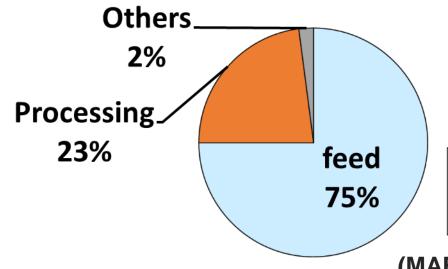
World corn import by country



■ Japan ■ Mexico ■ EU ■ Korea ■ Egypt ■ Others

(USDA: Statistical data on 2016)

Use of corn import in Japan



Amount of import: 14,731,000 t

(MAFF: Statistical data on 2016)

Production of corn in Japan-1



Production area, average yield/10a and production of corn

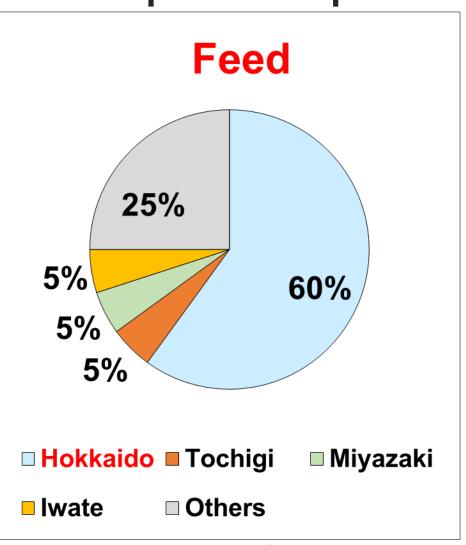
	Feed	Food (sweet corn)
Production area	92,400 ha	24,400 ha
Average yield / 10a	5,220 kg	1,020 kg
Production	4,823,000 t	249, 500 t

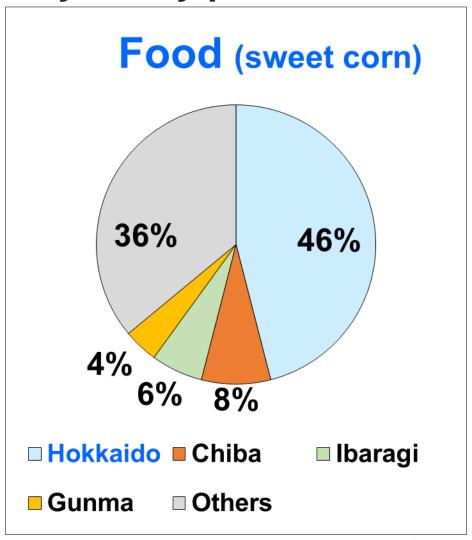
(MAFF: Statistical data on 2015 for feed and 2014 for food)

Production of corn in Japan-2



Proportion of production yield by prefecture





(MAFF: Statistical data on 2015 for feed and 2014 for food)

Breeding of corn in Japan



- ·1930s: The decision of the breeding test place in Japan
- ·1950s: Shift breeding method from mass selection to first final hybrid (F1) using heterosis
- ·1970s: Shift breeding policy from seed use to silage use

Public institution

For feed (silage)

Company

- For feed (silage)
- For food(sweet corn)

Breeding objective



High-yielding ability

Cool tolerance

Disease resistance

Insect resistance

Lodging resistance

Others



(Kyushu Okinawa Agricultural Research Center, NARO: http://www.naro.affrc.go.jp/org/karc/second_term%20team/Toumorokosi/toumorokosi.html)

Thank you for your attention.

