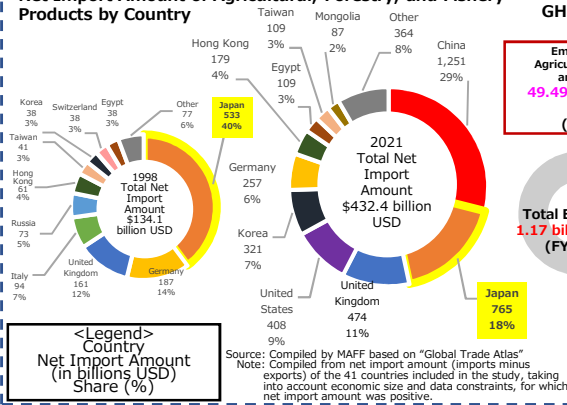


Outline of the Act Partially Amending the Basic Act on Food, Agriculture, and Rural Areas

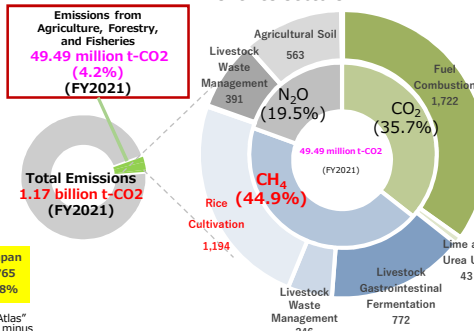
Background

○ In response to recent changes in the world's food supply and demand, the progress of global warming, the decline in the population in Japan, and other changes in the situation surrounding food, agriculture, and rural areas, the basic principles will be reviewed and related basic measures will be established, in order to ensure food security, establish a food system in harmony with the environment, improve productivity for the sustainable development of agriculture, and maintain, etc. local communities in rural areas.

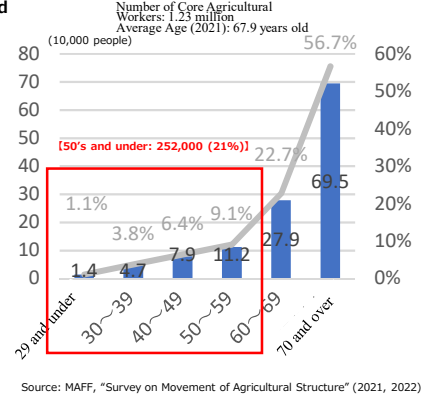
Net Import Amount of Agricultural, Forestry, and Fishery Products by Country



GHG emissions from Japan's agriculture, forestry, and fisheries sectors



Age Spread of Core Agricultural Workers (2022)



Summary of the Bill

Ensure Food Security

- The basic principles include
 - "Ensuring food security" is defined as "a state in which a stable supply of high-quality food must be maintained at a reasonable price and be available to each and every citizen." (Related to Article 2, paragraph 1)
 - In order to ensure a stable supply of food to the people, in view of the importance of securing the infrastructure of agricultural production, etc., and provisions for the ability to supply food must be maintained through the development of agriculture and the food industry, in addition to supplying food domestically, by exporting overseas. (Related to Article 2, paragraph 4)
 - Provisions for the setting of reasonable prices for food, the reasonable costs required for a sustainable supply of food by farmers, food business operators, consumers, and other stakeholders in the food system should be taken into account, while appropriately reflecting the circumstances of supply and demand and quality assessment. (Related to Article 2, paragraph 5)
- Basic measures include,
 - Ensuring smooth access to food (food access) (securing means of transportation, etc.), and ensuring stable imports of agricultural products and agricultural materials (diversification of import partners, promotion of investments, etc.) (Related to Article 19 and 21)
 - Promoting agricultural exports that contribute to increased profitability (fostering export production areas, promoting the efforts of associations involved from production to sales (product associations), and supporting the development, etc. of demand in the export partner countries (Related to Article 22)
 - Provisions for the promoting understanding among food system stakeholders in the consideration of costs in price formation, and the clarification of costs. (Related to Article 23 and 39)

Establish a Food System in Harmony with the Environment

- The new basic principles include provisions that food systems must be in harmony with the environment which is achieved by reducing the environmental burden, with the knowledge that each stage of food supply has an impact on the environment. (Related to Article 3)
- Basic measures include provisions for the promotion of reducing the environmental impact caused by agricultural production and business activities in the food industry. (Related to Article 20 and 32)

Sustainable Development of Agriculture

- It should also be noted in the basic principles that sustainable development of agriculture must be achieved through improved productivity and added value. (Related to Article 5)
- Basic measures include provisions for securing farmland through many types of farmers that are not able to agriculturally manage in an efficient and stable way, strengthening the management base of agricultural corporations, collectivizing and utilizing farmland appropriately, preserving agricultural production infrastructure, improving productivity using advanced technology, etc. (smart technology), increasing the added value of agricultural products (protection and utilization, etc. of intellectual property), promoting the activities of business operators (service entities) that provide support for agricultural management, preventing the outbreak of infectious diseases and pests in livestock, and mitigating the impact, etc. of price fluctuations of agricultural supplies. (Related to Articles 26 through 31, Article 37, 38, 41, and 42)

Development of Rural Areas

- It should also be noted in the basic principles that the development of rural areas must be promoted to maintain local communities. (related to Article 6)
- Basic measures include provisions promoting joint efforts contributing to the conservation of farmland, promoting business activities that utilize local resources, promoting business activities that provide opportunities to stay in rural areas (farm stays), and improving the environment for agricultural labor for people with disabilities, etc. (agricultural welfare cooperation), and countermeasures, etc. for damage caused by wildlife. (Related to Articles 43 through 49)

Effective Date

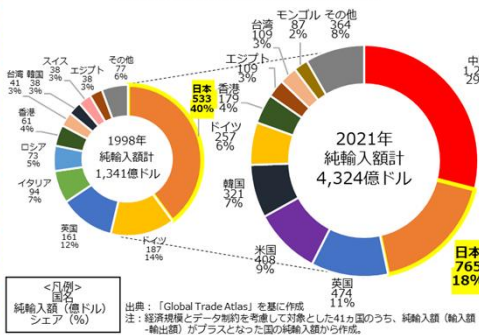
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食料・農業・農村基本法の一部を改正する法律の概要

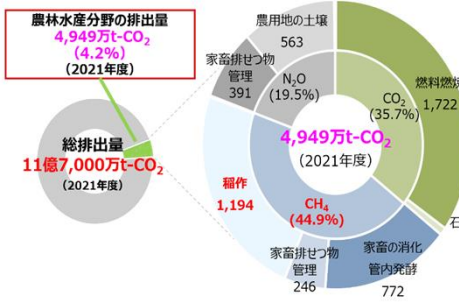
背景

- 近年における世界の食料需給の変動、地球温暖化の進行、我が国における人口の減少その他の食料、農業及び農村をめぐる諸情勢の変化に対応し、食料安全保障の確保、環境と調和のとれた食料システムの確立、農業の持続的な発展のための生産性の向上、農村における地域社会の維持等を図るため、基本理念を見直すとともに、関連する基本的施策を定める。

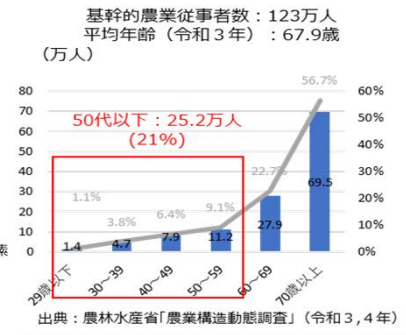
農林水産物純輸入額の国別割合



日本の農林水産分野のGHG排出量



基幹的農業従事者数の年齢構成(2022年)



法律案の概要

食料安全保障の確保

- 基本理念について、
 - 「食料安全保障の確保」を規定し、その定義を「良質な食料が合理的な価格で安定的に供給され、かつ、国民一人一人がこれを入手できる状態」とする。(第2条第1項関係)
 - 国民に対する食料の安定的な供給に当たっては、農業生産の基盤等の確保が重要であることに鑑み、国内への食料の供給に加え、海外への輸出を図ることで、農業及び食品産業の発展を通じた食料の供給能力の維持が図られなければならない旨を規定。(第2条第4項関係)
 - 食料の合理的な価格の形成については、需給事情及び品質評価が適切に反映されつつ、食料の持続的な供給が行われるよう、農業者、食品事業者、消費者その他の食料システムの関係者によりその持続的な供給に要する合理的な費用が考慮されるようにしなければならない旨を規定。(第2条第5項関係)
- 基本的施策として、
 - 食料の円滑な入手(食品アクセス)の確保(輸送手段の確保等)、農産物・農業資材の安定的な輸入の確保(輸入相手国の多様化、投資の促進等)(第19条及び第21条関係)
 - 収益性の向上に資する農産物の輸出の促進(輸出産地の育成、生産から販売までの関係者が組織する団体(品目団体)の取組促進、輸出の相手国における需要の開拓の支援等)(第22条関係)
 - 価格形成における費用の考慮のための食料システムの関係者の理解の増進、費用の明確化の促進等を規定。(第23条及び第39条関係)

環境と調和のとれた食料システムの確立

- 新たな基本理念として、食料システムについては、食料の供給の各段階において環境に負荷を与える側面があることに鑑み、その負荷の低減が図られることにより、環境との調和が図られなければならない旨を規定。(第3条関係)
- 基本的施策として、農業生産活動、食品産業の事業活動における環境への負荷の低減の促進等を規定。(第20条及び第32条関係)

農業の持続的な発展

- 基本理念において、生産性の向上・付加価値の向上により農業の持続的な発展が図られなければならない旨を追記。(第5条関係)
- 基本的施策として、効率的かつ安定的な農業経営以外の多様な農業者による農地の確保、農業法人の経営基盤の強化、農地の集約化・適正利用、農業生産の基盤の保全、先端的な技術(スマート技術)等を活用した生産性の向上、農産物の付加価値の向上(知財保護・活用等)、農業経営の支援を行う事業者(サービス事業者)の活動促進、家畜の伝染性疾病・有害動植物の発生予防、農業資材の価格変動への影響緩和等を規定。(第26条から第31条まで、第37条、第38条、第41条及び第42条関係)

農村の振興

- 基本理念において、地域社会が維持されるよう農村の振興が図られなければならない旨を追記。(第6条関係)
- 基本的施策として、農地の保全に資する共同活動の促進、地域の資源を活用した事業活動の促進、農村への滞在機会を提供する事業活動(農泊)の促進、障害者等の農業活動(農福連携)の環境整備、鳥獣害対策等を規定。(第43条から第49条まで関係)

施行期日

公布の日