

Changes in farmland use and management of forestation land in Nishiaizu-town, Fukushima Prefecture

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Serious problems in rural areas are aging of farmers and expansion of abandoned cultivated land. So that, management of farmland and forestland by the children of the farmers who live outside the area is important.

Nishiaizu-town is characteristic by the decline of sericulture and low production efficiency of agriculture and the aging of farmers. Population of Nishiaizu-town has been flowing out to neighboring cities. In addition, the road accessibility is well due to the highway system. Therefore, the children of the farmers who live outside the area can easily come to support them to farm.

This presentation tries to explain the changes in farmland and management of farmland and forestland in Nishiaizu-town.

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