

⇒ Cultivation of Crops → Japan cultivates a wide range of crops intensely. They can be divided in 3 types -

1) Wet Crops

2) Dry Crops

3) Cost crops



→ RICE



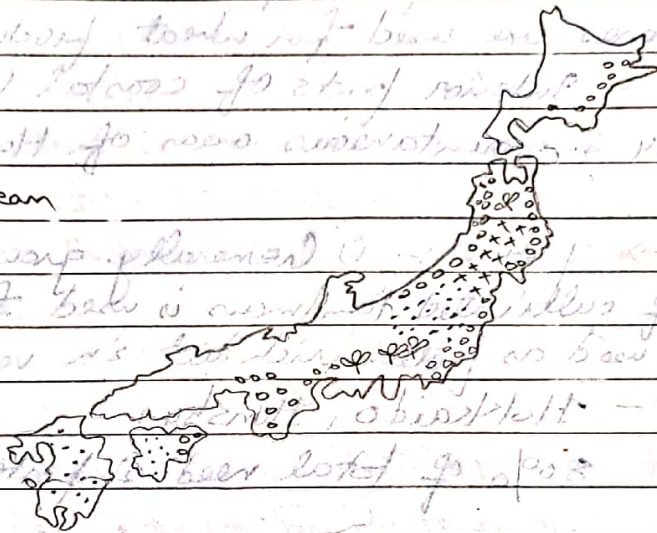
→ TEA



→ Cotton



→ Soybean



1) Wet Crops → Features:- i) Grown on productive lowland and terraced lower slopes of hill sides.

ii) Abundant rain & mild climate required

Main Regions:- Southern Honshu & Shikoku

Crops:- Rice, wheat, soybean, etc.

Other:- potato, barley, paddy (Hokkaido), groundnut etc.

A. RICE → MAIN FEATURES:-

i) Grown on best productive land, is no more left.

ii) 2 or 3 crops cultivated annually.

iii) Intense farming leading to 80-85 bushels per acre production for a single harvest, highest in world (per hectare).

iv) Most crops of Japan grown on 60% of total available area.

v) Terraced lower slopes of hill sides, river basins, delta areas & sea sides are mainly used for cultivation.

Main regions:- South-west Kyushu, island of Shikoku

Different varieties:- Rice grown in coastal areas - Rice Hata

"Swampy" "Mountainous" -

In spite of this, Japan produces only 80% of required quantity, rest is imported from Burma & Thailand.

- B. **WHEAT** → Features:- i) 2nd most important crop.
ii) Generally grown as subsidiary crop or between rice harvests without irrigation.
iii) 80% of need is imported from Canada & Australia as only 5 lakh hectares are used for wheat production.
Main regions:- Interior parts of coastal land, Kanto basin, S. Kyushu & mountainous areas of Hokkaido.

or intercropping

- C. **SOYABEAN** → Features:- i) Generally grown in multiple cropping
ii) only 20% of cultivated landmass is used for it.
iii) Products used as protein rich diet in various forms
Main regions:- Hokkaido, Honshu
Import:- 80% of total need imported from China & USA

- 2) **DRY CROPS** → Features:- i) grown on uplands, mountainous & plain margins.
ii) Due to steep slope irrigation difficult.
iii) Intense irrigation & mechanised farming needed.
Regions:- Northern Japan.
Main crops:- Oat, rye, maize & rice & wheat on slopes.

- 3) **CASH CROPS** → Features:- i) Grown for economic benefit.
ii) Mostly grown on alluvial uplands & hilly slopes not suited for food crops.
Main crops:- Tea, silk, cotton.
Other crops:- Various fruits & vegetables. The small Mandarin variety of orange is grown, tobacco, sugarcane.

- A. **TEA** → Features:- i) Imp. source of foreign exchange.
ii) Densely grown on terraced slopes.
iii) In only 2% land, it produces 4th largest quantity in world.
superb quality leaves, mainly green tea is grown.
Main Regions → Shizuoka, West Tokyo & some parts of Shikoku.

B. **SILK** → Features:- i) Concentrated in dense populated areas or uplands.

ii) Requires prodigious amounts of hard labour due to various steps in extraction from silk worms.

iii) It is facing competition from china & growing popularity of artificial fibres.

iv) Its interculture is done as a household undertaking.

Regions:- Production is concentrated near areas of mulberry trees that are - Central Honshu, North Honshu & highland of Hokkaido.

Export:- Mainly U.S.A

C. **COTTON** → Features:- i) Suitable for volcanic soil.

ii) Production is intense per hectare but in small scale.

Regions:- Kanto basin

Import:- China, India & Egypt.

⇒ Conclusion → Keeping in view all the above features, the main features of Japanese agriculture can be concluded as

i) Although Japanese style of farming is very mechanised the part of population engaged in it is slowly degenerating.

ii) Only rice is cultivated in huge amount, rest crops are grown in small quantities.

iii) Each & every part of land is utilized but Japan is not able to fulfill its need & depends on export.

iv) Livestock farming is generally low.

Regions:- Honshu, Hokkaido

Based Industries:- Cattle & dairy farming. ~~At last~~

At last, agriculture may not be the main occupation of Japan but due to its advanced, diversified & specific features it holds a prominent place in Japan's economy & daily life. The distribution in terms of density further verifies these facts.



→ Ordinary Farming



→ Dense



→ Very "



→ Forest & "

