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# Introduction of Research Institutes for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in Japan

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### NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

Established: 1950 (Started as Agricultural Experiment Station in 1893) Location: Nishigahara, Kita-ku, Tokyo Director: ISAMU BABA Total Number of Employees: 449 (Research personnel: 283)

### **Outline of Work:**

This institute performs fundamental studies on agricultural techniques for the improvement of crop plant varieties, fertilizer application, soil survey, the control of insect pests and diseases, and the betterment of farmers' home living and farm management as well as studies on climatic conditions for farming and the application of agricultural statistics, maintaining close contact with national and prefectural experiment stations all over the country.

#### **Recent Principal Research Findings:**

Gibberelline (a new plant growth hormone).

Utilization of zeolitic tuff for agricultural purpose.

OED (evaporation suppressant).

Blasticidin S (new antibiotic for the control of blast disease).

Hemmagglutionation test for the detection and determination of plant virus.

Utilization of activation analysis by atomic reactor for agricultural purposes.

Methodology of the programming and diagnosis of family farm management.

Development of another culture of rice plants.

#### **Publications:**

Bulletin of the National Institute of Agricultural Sciences. (In series, in English or Japanese with English summary, annual or semi-annual, free exchange.)

- Series A (Physics and Statistics).
- Series B (Soils and Fertilizers).
- Series C (Plant Pathology and Entomology).
- Series D (Plant Physiology, Genetics and Crops in General).
- Series H (Farm Management and Land Utilization).

Materials of the National Institute of Agricultural Sciences. (Irregular).

Annual Report of the National Institute of Agricultural Sciences.

## Organization and Main Research Themes:

	-Department of General	Administration
Director—	Department of Phy	-Division of Meteorology (3 laboratories) - Agricultural meteology, especially local climate and micro-meteoro-
	sics and Statistics _Department of Soils and Fertilizers	<ul> <li>logy; Mechanism of weather hazard on crop plants.</li> <li>Division of Statistical Research (4 laboratories)—Statistical studies on experiment programming and investigation methods; Crop condition survey methods.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Division of Chemical Fertilizers (3 laboratories)—Fer- tilizer analysis and evaluation; Improvement of fertilizer quality.</li> <li>Division of Plant Nutrition (4 laboratories)—Nutrient</li> </ul>
		in crop plants; Survey of radioactive contamination in soil and crop.
		-First Division of Soils (5 laboratories)-Soil chemistry, micro-organisms, and physical properties of soils: Soil- plant relation.
		-Second Division of Soils (3 laboratories)-Interpretative classification of soils and soil conservation. -Third Division of Soils (4 laboratories)-Soil classifica-
	Department of Plant — Pathology and — Entomology	tion and survey.
		Division of Plant Pathology (5 laboratories) — Taxo nomic, physiological and ecological studies on plant pathogenic bacteria, and fungi. Biochemical studies on plant diseases; Control of plant diseases.
		—Division of Entomology (6 laboratories)—Taxonomic, physiological and ecological studies on injurious insects; Phyto-parasitic nematodes Control of insect pests.
		Division of Agricultural Chemicals (7 laboratories)— Chemical and physical studies on agricultural chemicals, methods of analysis residue study of pesticides; Develop- ment of new antibiotics for agricultural use
		-Division of Genetics (8 laboratories)-Genetical studies on crop plants and pathogens Breeding method by arti- ficial mutation; Seed preservation and variety charac-
	_ Department of Phy siology and Genetics	-First Division of Physiology (6 laboratories)—Physio- logical and ecological studies on crop plants, especially on rice: Chemical control of plant growth and develop- ment.
	Department of Farm — Management and —	-Second Division of Physiology (3 laboratories)-Phy- siological and ecological studies on upland crops.
		Farm economies.
		-Second Division of Farm Management (3 laboratories) -Farm management system and organization. Third Division of Farm Management (3 laboratories)
	Land Utilization	-External relationships and land utilization. Division of Rural Life (4 laboratories)-Economical and
		sociological studies on the environment of farm families; Fundamental studies on the betterment of farmers' home living.