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**What do we have to do to  
protect Japanese agriculture ?**

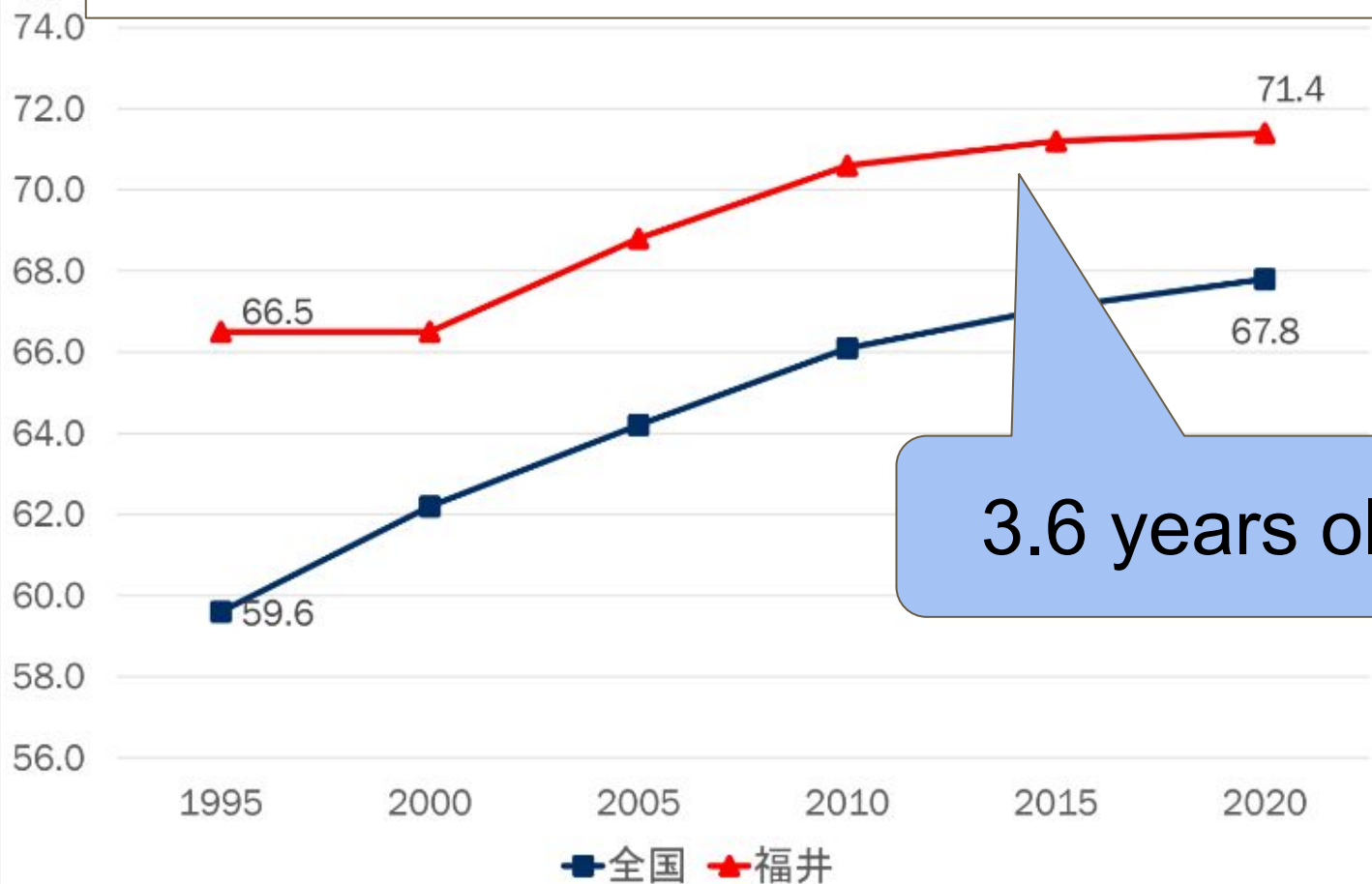
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# Method

- Interviewed teachers who are farmers and who own rice fields  
(9 people)
- Sent Email to six Agricultural Production Corporations, Echizen City Hall, JA Takefu
- Sent Email to Fukui Prefectural University Professor
- Searched internet

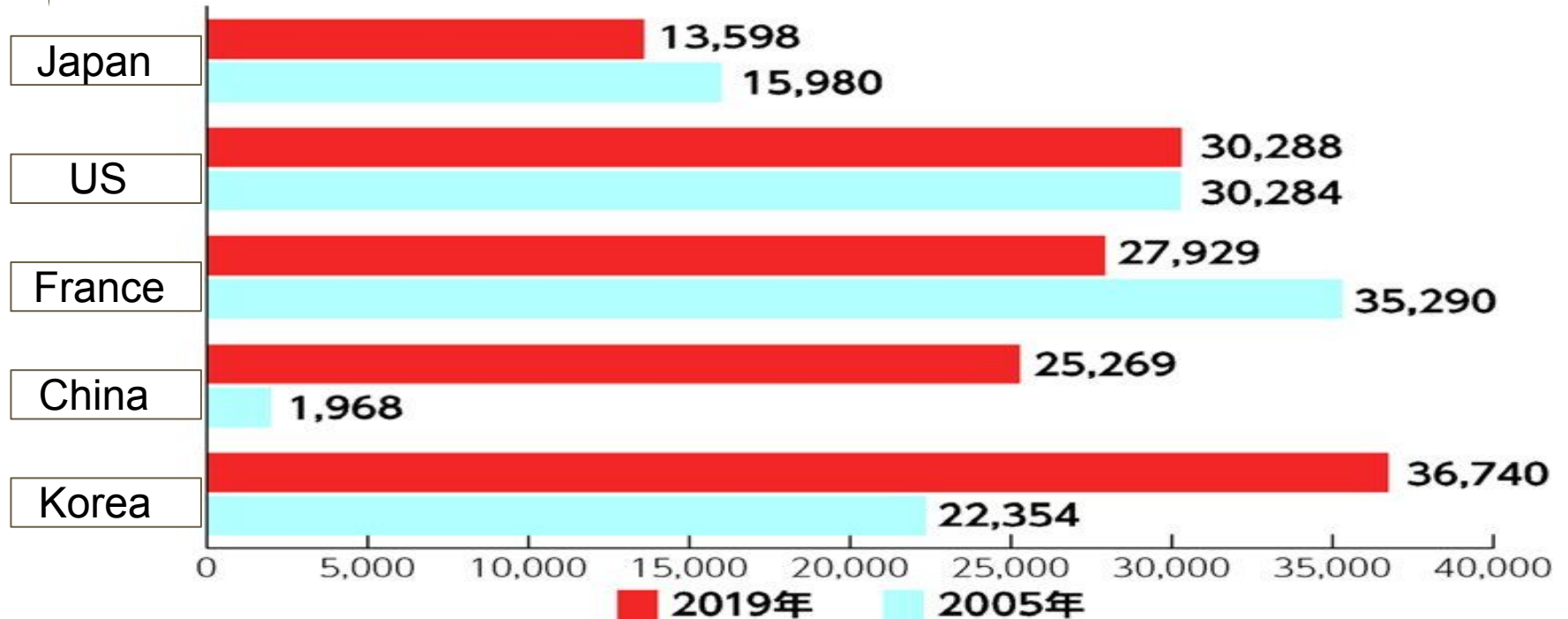
# Average age of people who are farming as their main job



3.6 years older

# Result

Agricultural budget per person in major countries



# Voice of dissatisfaction from people who are farming or have farmland

- Low income →  
No employee retention
- Difficulty in balancing farm and regular work
- Difficult to take care of farmland
- Damage by animals



# Result ~Requests to the Administration~

## What teachers involved in agriculture hope

- Review of Japan's agricultural system  
(Improvement of food self-sufficiency)
- Stop importing rice from abroad
- Promotion of smart agriculture

## What Professor at Fukui Prefectural University hopes

- Measures to secure and train new farmers
- Promotion of smart agriculture

# Result ~Initiatives in Fukui Prefecture~

- Pioneering community farming  
(organization rate: 32.5%, 2nd in the nation)
- Establishment of facilities for training and support for new farmers
- Branding



# Result ~summary~

**present condition:** Shortage of labor, aging, low subsidies

**dissatisfaction:** Low income, hard to work concurrently

**request:** promote smart agriculture, secure and foster new farmers

**initiatives in Fukui:** Village farming, support facilities ,  
Branding



# Discussion

**Recommendation 1:** Adopt Smart Agriculture

**Recommendation 2:** Increase government subsidies

**Recommendation 3:** Promote large-scale management by agricultural production corporations

# Discussion

What is Smart Agriculture ...?

that used advanced technologies such as robots and AI.

Agriculture



# ~Advantages and disadvantages of smart farming~

## Advantages

- Resolving labor shortage
- Improve efficiency and scale accordingly
- Easy for new workers to enter
- Environmentally-friendly

## disadvantages

- High initial cost
- Advanced technology is required

# ~Advantages and disadvantages of each~

## Agricultural Corporation

### advantages

- Increased production efficiency
  - Reduction of labor hours and production costs

### Disadvantages

- Difficult to avoid risk

## Sole Proprietorship Farmer

### Advantages

- Easy to avoid risk
- Easy to add high value

### Disadvantages

- Poor production efficiency

# Discussion

Unemployment due to AI



agriculture as a receptacle for the

unemployed

# Discussion

**Jobs that are likely to be replaced by AI**



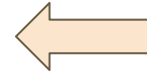
**Jobs that are unlikely to be replaced by AI**



**AI will replaces  
drivers, etc.**



**unemployed  
people farm**



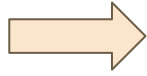
**Labor shortage  
in agriculture**



**Lack of technology  
and knowledge**



**smart  
farming**



**Women and the  
elderly can**



**need subsidy**



**Get organized  
and save money**

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