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Some Fruit Crops Growing Commercially in the Area

Pineapple

Pineapple is commercially grown in Okinawa which produces 99% of the total production of Japan (3). The main variety is of Smooth Cayenne, N-67-10, which was selected from Hawaiian strains by the experimental station of Okinawa prefectural government. The industry is declining these days because it has focused only on processing (mainly for canning) so far. The production and growing area reached maxima of over 100 thousand tons in 1969 and 54 hundred hectares in 1967, respectively (Fig. 2)(1). After 1967, because of severe competition from foreign products, the industry has declined and some canning factories gave up business. Although the national and prefectural governments tried to promote the industry with various methods following the liberalization of import of canned pineapple in 1990, the declining trend is still continuing. In 2001, the production was 11,200 tons and the growing area was 637 hectares. About half of this is used for canning and half for fresh fruit. The industry is now moving gradually into the fresh fruit market because Japan imports more than 100 thousand tons of fresh pineapple fruit annually. Some growers are growing pineapple in greenhouses to produce early fruit with good quality. The new cultivars for fresh market, produced by cooperation with national and local governments, were released in 1997.

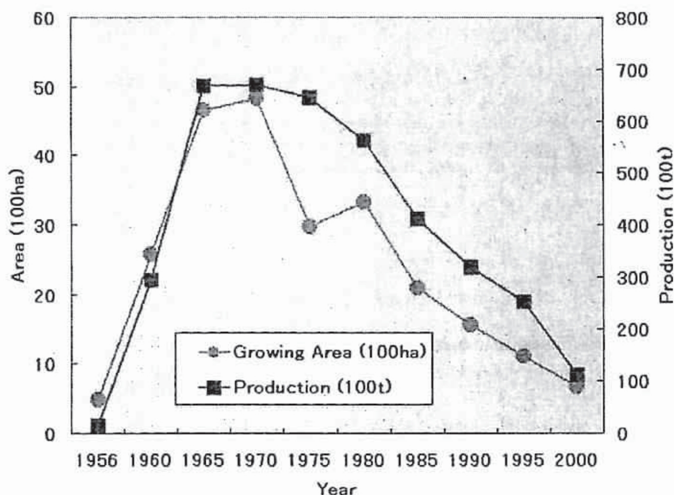


Fig. 2. Pineapple production in Okinawa.

Fig. 5. Receiving volume and wholesale price of mango fruit at Tokyo Wholesale Market in 2003.