

# Summary & Structure of JA Otofuke



Union president

- **Foundation**  
14th April 1948
- **Area**  
Throughout the Otofuke town
- **Household numbers of the union members**  
409
- **Members of the union**  
2,277  
Official members 1,068  
Associate members 1,209
- **Capital**  
4.3 billion yen
- **Equity capital ratio**  
27.25%
- **Numbers of directors and employees**  
Directors 15 · Auditors 5  
Staff 193 (Male143 · Female50)

## Sumio Tsuchida

Established on April 14, 1948 as Otofuke Village Agricultural Cooperative, JA Otofuke has since developed into a large comprehensive agricultural cooperative.

Located in the heart of the Tokachi Plains, this JA has an important position in one of Japan's foremost breadbaskets, where wheat, beans, potatoes, sugar beets and other upland crops are grown on 18,870 ha of fields. We are also committed to cultivating Chinese yams, onions, carrots, broccoli and other vegetables.

Otofuke is also known for dairy and livestock farming. Approximately 46,000 t of milk are produced here every year.

With the aim of improving the quality of wheat and increasing efficiency, the current wheat-accepting system was built in FY 2011 to upgrade the wheat drying, preparation and storage capacity significantly.

To further promote the production of beans, to ensure a stable supply of high-quality products and to achieve a corresponding strengthening to a variety of needs and contract sales rate improvement, the beans storage and preparation facility, and the beans cold storage facility were added more buildings in 2018.

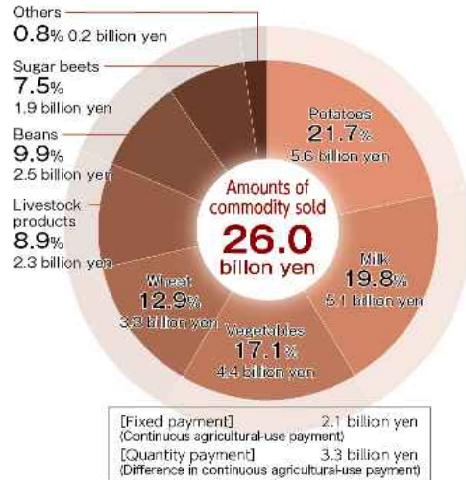
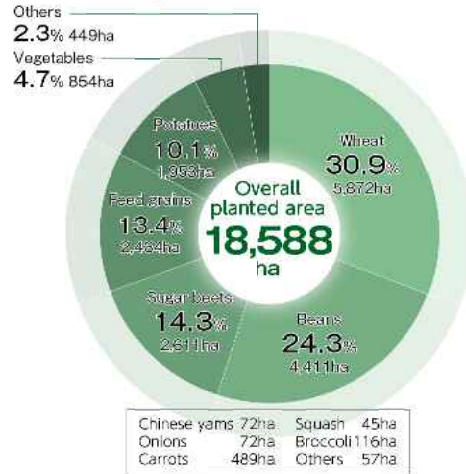
In the vegetable section, facilities for collection, shipment and sorting were improved, including the onion and Chinese yam storage facility in FY 2004 and the carrot-washing, -sorting and -refrigeration facility in FY 2006.

We constructed a biogas plant in FY 2015 to produce renewable energy from livestock excreta and vegetable residues, and began to sell electricity in FY 2016. The operation of this facility does not only help to reduce odors and prevention of environmental pollution, but also to realize a recycling-based society.

We are actively engaged in efforts to combat labor shortages through workforce support; developing soil infrastructure, including the utilization of subsurface drainage and soil conditioners like organic matter and lime materials; and promoting smart agriculture as well as cooperation between crop and livestock farmers among other initiatives.

To foster an understanding of Japan Agricultural Cooperatives (JA) and agriculture within the community, we have established an official website and YouTube channel while actively engaging in volunteer activities like roadside litter collection.

In this truly rural area, we are also focusing on financial business. Besides aiming to stabilize business management and improve the lives of our cooperative members, we are committed to local development through cooperative association business based on coexistence and mutual prosperity with the local community.



2023



Otofuke Town Agricultural Association

We harvest the four seasons of the Northern country.



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- Livestock center ☎080-0335 Katoh-gun Otofuke-cho kibohgosei 1 TEL.0155-42-8724

Ears of Wheat (Mid-July)

# The facilities of JA Otofuke



- 1 Head Office/Financial Office  
Materials center/A co-op Otofuke
- 2 Agricultural products center
- 3 Livestock center
- 4 Vegetable consolidating, sorting and shipping center  
Vehicle maintenance garage
- 5 Petrol station
- 6 Biogas plant
- 7 Kyoai farm

## 2 Agricultural products center

Wheat and grain's capacity:48,000t



5 Agricultural Production Center Office  
Built in 2015

2 Wheat weighing center  
Built in 2011



3 Wheat drying storing facility/9,000t(1,125t×8units): Built in 2011  
9,000t(500t×18units): Built in 2008



6 Beans storage and preparation facility, Beans cold storage facility/60,000bags: Built in 2018

## 1 Head Office/Financial Office

Built in 1964



1 Materials center  
Built in 2022

1 A co-op Otofuke, Houren shaji Co., Ltd.  
Built in 1982



3 Wheat drying preparing and storing facility/9,000t: Built in 2008

## 4 Vegetable consolidating, sorting and shipping center



4 Carrot washing, sorting and pre-cooling: Built in 2006



4 Onion and chinese yam storage facility: Built in 2004



4 Chinese yam washing and sorting facility: Built in 1991/Equipment update: 2015



4 Vegetable Center Office  
Built in 1991



4 Recycled soil generation facility  
Built in 2012



3 Livestock center  
Built in 1982



7 Kyoai farm

## 4 Vehicle maintenance garage

Built in 2014



## 6 Biogas plant

Processing capacity 42t/Power generation capacity up to 150kw: Built in 2015



4 Carrot sorting line



4 Chinese yam sorting line

## Petrol station



5 The first petrol station: Built in 1968



5 The second petrol station: Built in 1973