

Farm household job structure and restoring farming in Kawamata town

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Aim of Research



Farm household job structure

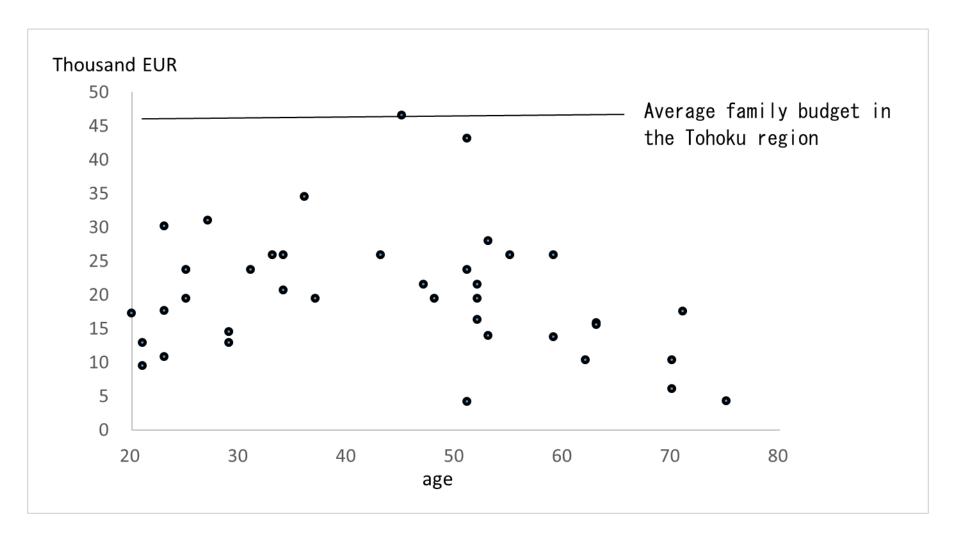
- as to establish full-time farmers and candidates for full-time farming
- indicate the starting point and goal of restructuring farming in Kawamata town

Method

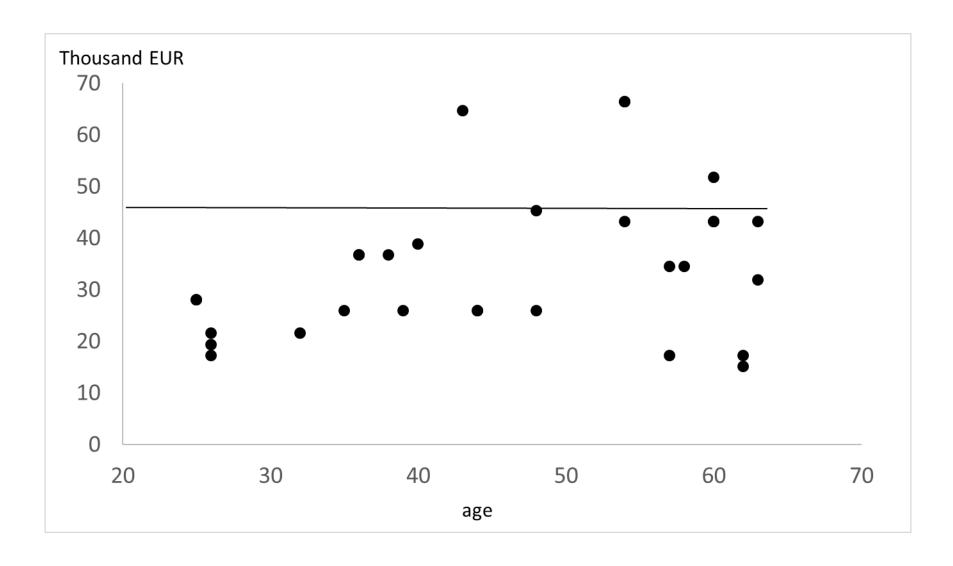
- Iinterview with evacuated farmers from Kawabata town (Yamakiya area)
- Farming engagement and non-farming jobs in the each household
- Cralify nessesity of farming to cover their family budget



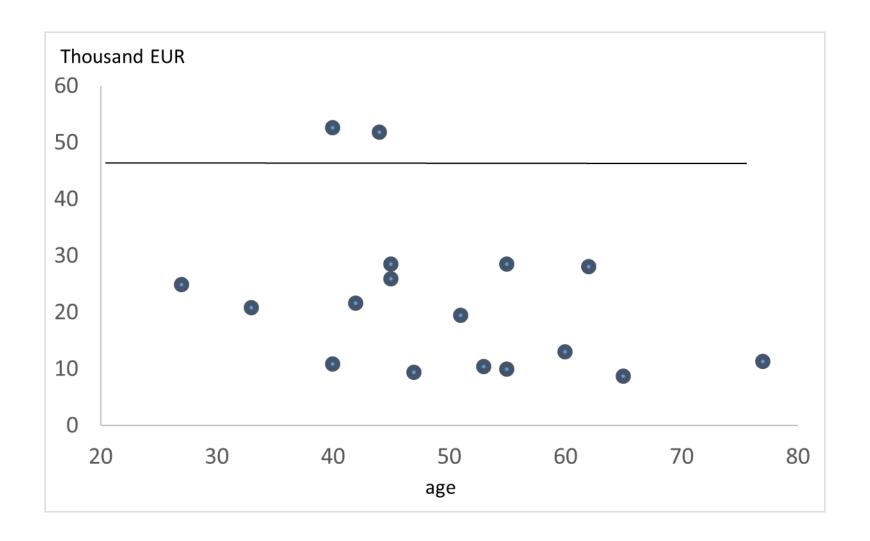
Typical non-farming male wages do not cover their family budget



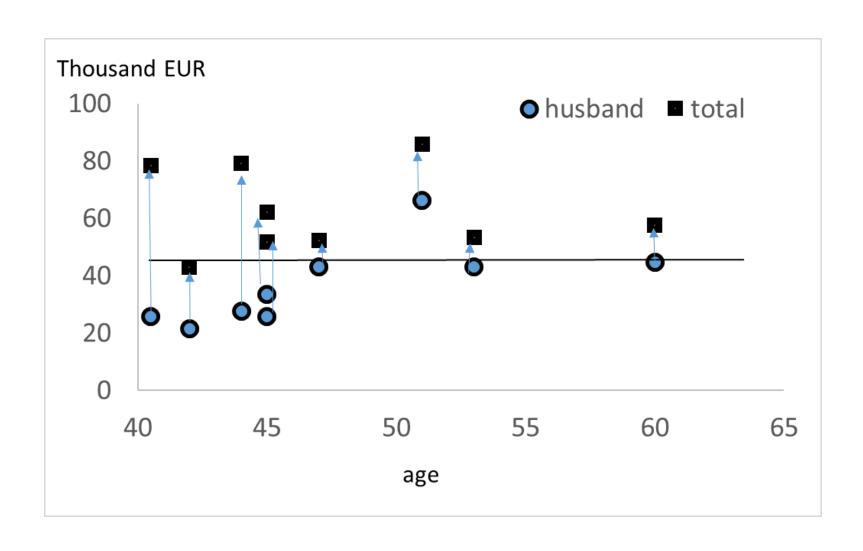














	Number	Crop (Unit: a)			Main Farming Family Member			
Туре		Rice	Tobacc o	Others	Sex	Age	Former Non- Farming Jobs	Q: Will you restart farming?
Floriculture	1	180		Flower	Female	62		Yes
	2	99		Flower	Male	40	Full-time	Yes
	3	100		Flower	Male	70	Full-time	Yes
	4	60		Flower	Male	70		Yes
	5	60		Flower	Male	83	Full-time	No
	6	16		Flower	Female	80		Yes
	7	100		Flower	Male	53	Own business	Yes
Tobacco	8	110	150		Male	63		Yes
	9		80		Male	88		No
	10	130	50		Male	81	Full-time	No
	11	50	80		Male	80		Yes
	12	120	50		Male	65	Full-time	Yes
Rice	13	250			Male	67	Full-time	No
	14	40			Female	84		No
	15	40			Female	80		Yes
Non-farm er	16				Female	87		No
	17				Male	60	Full-time	No
	18				Male	80	Full-time	
	19				Male	70	Own business	
	20				Male	63	Full-time	



Age	M ain Crop
36	Daily farm
47	Daily farm
42	Tobacco
48	Tobacco
48	Straw berry : grass house

Conclusion: Job structure



- Most breadwinners have enough non-farming wages to cover their family budgets
- In case husbands do not have enough wages to cover the family budgets, wives earn enough wages to cover it with non—farming jobs.
- Most family members who engage in farming is retired generation
- · Number of farmers had been decreasing and it will be accelerated

- Several young males became full—time farmers
- They organize farming group



 The Farming group is a core of restoring agriculture in the area

They gather most field in the area; grow mainly upland crops Downslide of Land Fertility, Choice of Crop, Growing Method would be problem

Flower is another core

Young females would be candidates





Thank you for your attention