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KYUSHU MIL GOVT REGION, HQ & HQ DET, APO 929, 3 July 1947

TO: Commanding Officer, Fukuoka Mil Govt Team, APO 929

- 1. For investigation and effort to have Japanese secure more accurate figures in the future.
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28 JUN 1947

SUBJECT: Historical Record of Acreage and Production of Staple Food
Crops for Fukuoka Prefecture

THRU : Commanding Officer, Kyushu Military Government Region, APO 929

TO : Commanding Officer, Fukuoka Military Government Team, APO 929

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Rice

	Acreage		Production		Total Production	
	Metric Unit	Japanese Unit	Per Hr M. U.	Per Tan Jap. Unit	Metric Unit	Japanese Unit
1920	113,061.9	114,008.2	3.356	2.276	379,484	2,594,765
1921	111,877.1	112,813.5	2.959	2.006	331,008	2,263,302
1922	111,810.9	112,746.7	3.093	2.098	345,876	2,364,964
1923	111,749.2	112,684.5	2.983	2.022	333,306	2,279,012
1924	111,169.6	112,100.0	3.109	2.108	345,663	2,363,511
1925	111,318.9	112,250.6	3.088	2.094	343,778	2,350,620
1926	111,016.4	111,945.5	3.245	2.200	360,239	2,463,175
1927	110,966.9	111,895.6	3.081	2.089	341,841	2,337,374
1928	111,029.5	111,958.8	3.004	2.037	333,487	2,280,256
1929	111,048.2	111,977.6	3.046	2.066	338,275	2,312,993
1930	110,572.2	111,497.6	3.261	2.211	360,532	2,465,175
1931	110,324.3	111,247.7	2.883	1.906	318,075	2,120,498
1932	109,847.8	110,767.2	3.255	2.152	357,511	2,383,406
1933	105,246.0	106,126.9	3.830	2.532	403,087	2,687,244
1934	104,761.1	105,637.9	3.059	2.009	318,333	2,122,220
1935	104,656.1	105,532.0	3.252	2.150	340,317	2,268,781
1936	104,930.6	105,808.8	3.592	2.375	376,943	2,512,956
1937	104,927.0	105,805.2	3.398	2.247	356,573	2,377,156
1938	104,637.8	105,513.6	3.723	2.461	389,549	2,596,994
1939	103,811.6	104,680.6	3.213	2.124	333,535	2,223,565
1940	104,050.8	104,921.6	2.817	1.863	293,152	1,954,349
1941	104,119.7	104,991.1	2.949	1.950	307,038	2,046,922
1942	100,810.9	101,654.6	3.204	2.118	322,983	2,153,221
1943	98,960.0	99,788.2	3.406	2.252	337,015	2,245,764
1944	95,179.4	95,976.0	3.318	2.193	315,772	2,105,149
1945	90,910.3	91,671.2	2.970	1.964	270,000	1,800,000
1946	90,355.8	91,112.0	3.403	2.250	307,503	2,050,022
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BARLEY

	Area		Production		Total Production	
	Hectares	Chobu	M.T. per Hectare	Koku Per Tan	Metric Tons	Koku
1920	5,028.2	5,070.3	1.034	0.976	5,198.6	49,510
1921	4,696.0	4,735.3	0.869	0.821	4,081.5	38,871
1922	4,320.2	4,356.4	1.114	1.053	4,814.7	45,854
1923	4,517.3	4,555.1	1.017	0.961	4,594.9	43,761
1924	4,810.3	4,850.7	1.029	0.972	4,952.0	47,162
1925	5,029.4	5,071.5	1.401	1.323	7,044.1	67,087
1926	4,772.1	4,812.0	1.424	1.345	6,797.7	64,740
1927	4,535.4	4,573.4	1.478	1.396	6,705.4	63,361
1928	4,201.5	4,236.7	1.466	1.384	6,158.8	58,655
1929	3,837.6	3,869.7	1.499	1.416	5,752.8	54,789
1930	3,468.1	3,497.2	1.358	1.282	4,708.3	44,841
1931	3,548.7	3,578.4	1.530	1.396	5,430.8	49,938
1932	3,463.6	3,492.6	1.522	1.388	5,270.5	48,464
1933	3,006.0	3,031.2	1.186	1.082	3,566.3	32,794
1934	2,721.7	2,744.5	1.541	1.405	4,193.5	38,561
1935	2,516.1	2,537.2	1.661	1.514	4,178.2	38,420
1936	2,506.3	2,527.3	1.518	1.384	3,803.6	34,976
1937	2,552.8	2,372.5	1.535	1.400	3,611.6	33,210
1938	2,586.6	2,603.2	1.380	1.259	3,569.8	32,826
1939	2,804.9	2,828.4	1.905	1.737	5,343.6	49,137
1940	2,648.6	2,670.8	1.760	1.605	4,662.8	42,876
1941	2,495.3	2,516.2	1.780	1.623	4,440.5	40,832
1942	2,372.7	2,392.6	1.456	1.328	3,454.7	31,767
1943	2,462.8	2,483.4	1.382	1.260	3,404.2	31,303
1944	2,531.2	2,552.4	1.447	1.319	3,661.8	33,672
1945	2,260.2	2,279.2	1.312	1.197	2,966.3	27,276
1946	1,306.1	1,317.0	0.882	0.804	1,152	10,590
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40. FUKUOKA**NAKED BARLEY**

	Area		Production		Total Production	
	Hectares	Chobu	M.T. per Hectare	Koku Per Tan	Metric Tons	Koku
1920	40,314.8	40,652.2	1.594	1.139	64,245.4	463,030
1921	38,137.1	38,456.3	1.324	0.946	50,499.9	363,963
1922	35,486.0	35,783.0	1.612	1.152	57,216.6	412,372
1923	32,654.1	32,927.4	1.387	0.991	45,275.6	326,289
1924	31,390.6	31,653.3	1.314	0.939	41,253.0	297,319
1925	31,897.7	32,164.7	1.782	1.274	56,835.3	409,624
1926	31,417.1	31,680.0	1.818	1.299	57,104.5	411,564
1927	30,000.9	30,252.0	1.904	1.361	57,109.6	411,601
1928	28,935.1	29,167.3	1.887	1.349	54,594.8	393,476
1929	27,415.4	27,644.9	2.032	1.452	55,707.3	401,494
1930	25,786.7	26,002.5	1.793	1.282	46,239.4	333,257
1931	24,634.7	24,847.9	1.853	1.324	45,641.0	328,944
1932	24,037.2	24,238.4	1.830	1.308	43,990.0	317,045
1933	21,274.0	21,452.1	1.440	1.029	30,640.7	220,834
1934	20,202.0	20,371.1	1.960	1.401	39,595.1	285,370
1935	20,358.0	20,528.4	2.134	1.525	43,447.5	313,135
1936	19,300.9	19,462.4	1.892	1.352	36,522.1	263,222
1937	18,695.2	18,851.7	1.919	1.371	36,873.3	268,546
1938	17,618.9	17,756.4	1.679	1.201	29,582.3	213,206
1939	17,455.4	17,601.5	2.319	1.657	40,472.4	291,693
1940	16,700.2	16,840.0	2.231	1.594	37,251.0	268,476
1941	34,017.2	34,301.9	2.162	1.545	73,528.8	529,937
1942	35,051.2	35,344.6	2.071	1.480	72,580.1	523,100
1943	29,618.4	29,866.3	1.721	1.230	50,987.0	367,474
1944	27,309.3	27,537.9	1.879	1.343	51,315.0	369,838
1945	25,943.2	26,160.5	1.634	1.168	42,378.8	305,433
1946	24,781.8	24,989.2	0.924	0.661	22,909.0	165,110
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WHITE POTATOES

	Area		Production		Total Production	
	Hectares	Chobu	M.T. per Hectare	Kan Per Tan	Metric Tons	Kan
1920	1,350.0	1,361.5	12.14	321	16,395.6	4,372,150
1921	1,367.8	1,379.2	9.93	263	13,583.9	3,622,362
1922	1,395.4	1,407.1	10.01	265	13,966.0	3,724,259
1923	1,519.4	1,532.1	10.37	274	15,751.2	4,200,331
1924	1,627.3	1,640.9	11.04	292	17,967.2	4,791,256
1925	1,674.8	1,688.8	10.76	285	18,021.6	4,805,747
1926	1,685.7	1,699.8	11.05	292	18,620.6	4,965,486
1927	1,730.0	1,744.5	10.99	291	19,013.7	5,070,311
1928	1,813.6	1,828.8	11.49	304	20,831.1	5,554,947
1929	1,902.3	1,918.2	11.37	301	21,628.3	5,767,558
1930	1,986.1	2,002.7	12.31	326	24,454.9	6,521,304
1931	2,128.8	2,146.6	12.56	332	26,744.8	7,131,947
1932	2,258.4	2,277.3	12.70	336	28,686.6	7,649,769
1933	2,285.8	2,304.6	11.49	304	26,274.8	7,006,603
1934	2,575.3	2,596.9	11.27	298	29,023.1	7,739,492
1935	2,381.1	2,401.0	12.18	322	28,994.7	7,731,907
1936	2,382.1	2,402.0	12.16	322	28,963.0	7,723,462
1937	2,574.3	2,595.8	12.48	330	32,117.1	8,564,555
1938	2,369.8	2,389.6	11.76	311	27,875.3	7,433,423
1939	2,313.5	2,332.9	12.21	323	28,253.3	7,534,206
1940	2,611.5	2,633.4	11.66	308	30,439.9	8,117,313
1941	2,782.0	2,805.3	12.18	322	33,890.3	9,037,424
1942	3,634.3	3,665.3	9.00	254	34,881.5	9,301,722
1943	3,743.1	3,774.4	10.14	268	37,954.2	10,121,116
1944	3,811.0	3,842.9	10.12	268	38,568.7	10,284,979
1945	3,100.7	3,126.6	9.80	259	30,375.7	8,100,185
* 1946	1,455.3	1,468.0	4.79	127	6,978.8	1,861,000
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* Spring potatoes only

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Sweet Potatoes

	Area		Production		Total Production	
	Hectares	Chobu	M.T. per Hectare	Kan Per Tan	Metric Tons	Kan
1920	3,906.3	3,939.0	11.16	295	43,578.9	11,621,032
1921	3,705.8	3,736.8	10.97	290	40,656.0	10,841,587
1922	3,814.1	3,846.0	9.67	256	36,887.8	9,836,745
1923	3,522.0	3,551.5	8.99	238	31,671.1	8,445,618
1924	3,338.8	3,366.7	9.13	241	30,474.2	8,126,457
1925	3,319.4	3,347.2	9.25	245	30,704.1	8,187,773
1926	3,036.9	3,062.3	9.22	244	27,991.6	7,464,426
1927	3,013.4	3,038.6	9.67	256	29,144.0	7,771,741
1928	3,013.6	3,038.8	9.74	258	29,366.3	7,831,024
1929	2,817.5	2,841.1	9.08	240	25,595.9	6,825,561
1930	2,829.3	2,853.0	10.04	266	28,410.0	7,576,006
1931	2,706.5	2,729.2	9.90	262	26,792.9	7,144,770
1932	2,738.0	2,760.9	10.29	272	28,178.2	7,514,181
1933	2,769.8	2,793.0	10.96	290	30,352.6	8,094,023
1934	2,832.6	2,856.3	9.48	251	26,844.6	7,158,556
1935	2,802.3	2,825.8	9.75	258	27,323.1	7,286,171
1936	2,738.6	2,761.5	10.32	273	28,271.5	7,539,065
1937	2,601.0	2,622.8	10.04	266	26,126.9	6,967,181
1938	2,457.4	2,478.0	9.92	263	24,401.7	6,507,123
1939	2,418.1	2,438.3	8.44	223	20,408.5	5,442,271
1940	2,460.9	2,481.5	8.22	217	20,221.0	5,392,279
1941	2,479.0	2,499.7	9.09	240	22,537.1	6,009,897
1942	2,204.0	2,222.4	6.49	172	14,297.7	3,812,731
1943	2,560.9	2,582.3	9.69	256	24,827.0	6,620,540
1944	3,022.1	3,058.5	9.34	247	28,314.3	7,550,489
1945	4,470.6	4,508.0	7.98	211	35,669.6	9,511,880
1946	5,841.1	5,890.0	13.29	352	77,651.3	20,707,000
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WHEAT

	Area		Production		Total Production	
	Hectares	Chobu	M.T. per Hectare	Koku Per Tan	Metric Tons	Koku
1920	31,494.8	31,758.4	1.523	1.151	47,966.9	365,462
1921	30,972.7	31,231.9	1.367	1.033	42,337.3	322,570
1922	30,869.2	31,127.6	1.542	1.165	47,595.3	362,631
1923	30,987.9	31,247.3	1.383	1.045	42,860.7	326,558
1924	29,861.4	30,111.3	1.336	1.009	39,900.1	304,001
1925	31,038.7	31,298.5	1.711	1.293	53,102.7	404,592
1926	32,196.3	32,465.8	1.710	1.292	55,061.5	419,516
1927	33,393.7	33,673.2	1.810	1.368	60,442.3	460,513
1928	36,407.5	36,712.2	1.829	1.382	66,567.6	507,182
1929	38,109.4	38,428.4	1.988	1.502	75,739.8	577,065
1930	38,160.5	38,479.9	1.702	1.286	64,945.7	494,825
1931	38,349.5	38,670.5	1.832	1.327	70,252.6	513,261
1932	38,526.7	38,849.1	1.826	1.323	70,332.3	513,843
1933	43,573.6	43,938.3	1.457	1.056	63,485.1	463,818
1934	43,934.8	44,302.5	2.023	1.466	88,872.1	649,294
1935	43,450.8	43,814.5	2.149	1.557	93,396.8	682,351
1936	42,883.0	43,241.9	1.896	1.374	81,313.1	594,068
1937	44,556.8	44,929.7	1.853	1.342	82,555.3	603,144
1938	44,332.5	44,703.5	1.491	1.080	66,101.9	482,936
1939	46,352.6	46,740.5	2.427	1.759	112,533.4	822,162
1940	55,788.2	56,255.1	2.195	1.591	122,473.3	894,782
1941	39,567.0	39,898.2	2.071	1.500	81,925.2	598,540
1942	38,932.1	39,257.9	2.015	1.460	78,452.0	573,165
1943	40,525.3	40,864.5	1.762	1.276	71,391.3	521,580
1944	46,062.7	46,446.2	2.034	1.474	93,689.1	684,867
1945	44,015.8	44,384.2	1.689	1.224	74,358.7	543,260
1946	40,332.8	40,670.4	1.138	0.825	45,907.9	335,400
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FUKUOKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
Fukuoka, Kyushu
APO 929

18 March 1947

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SUBJECT: Food Situation in Fukuoka Prefecture

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343
Attn: Military Government Section

THRU : Channels

1. This report is submitted in order to keep the higher echelons posted as to the food situation in this prefecture, and it is recommended that requests for additional food allotments coming through Japanese channels be granted.

2. At a meeting held with the Fukuoka Food Staffs Distribution Section and the Food Staff Section of the Ken Government the following facts were brought out, indicating that a dangerous situation exists at the moment and a probable crisis may arise towards the end of the month of early April.

3. This ties in with the rice collection program which is being pushed by this organization, with the hope that some relief may be had from this source. At present only 74% of the rice collection has been completed. We must obtain 85% of the total quota by 31 March in order to cover proposed purchase of 120,000 koin within this prefecture during March. Following is an estimate of Supply and Requirements for this month.

4. (a) Supply

February Carry-over	27,700 koin
March Purchases, this prefecture	120,000 "
Exports from Saga	30,000 "
Exports from Kumamoto	10,000 "
Actual release of imported food	16,600 "
Total Estimated Supply	234,300 Koin

(b) Requirements

Ordinary Ration	134,300 koin
Coal Miners Ration	58,200 "
Special Rations (Ray workers, etc)	2,500 "
Miscellaneous Demands	8,200 "
Allowance for stock pile	100,000 "
Total Estimated Requirements	303,200 Koin
Net Deficit for March	70,900 Koin

BASIC: Fukuoka Mil Govt Team, 430, subj: "Food Situation in Fukuoka Prefecture", dtd 12 Mar 47.

* 100,000 koku must be stocked in rice producing areas for issue during the year.

5. For the month of April it is estimated that 35,000 tons of food will be required as compared with an estimated supply of approximately 15,000 tons, indicating a shortage of 20,000 tons are of which must come from imports either from surplus prefectures or foreign sources.

6. Daily ration issues are reported to be running behind close of the week ending 8 March 1947 as follows:

(a) Fukuoka City: The 52 distributing stations in this city are reported to be running from 2 to 9 days behind, with a net average of 5 days. Food shortage is 2,917 koku, with requirements of 583 koku per day.

(b) Yamata: The 38 distributing stations are running from 1 to 3 days behind, the average on the high side or practically 3 days. Shortage 1,080 koku-daily requirements 360 koku.

(c) Tobata: The 19 distributing stations are running about 3 days behind. Shortage 469 koku-daily requirements 165 koku.

(d) Omuta: The 45 distributing stations are averaging a little less than 1 day behind. Shortage 240 koku-daily requirements 280 koku.

(e) The above statistics do not include the ration to coal miners. However, there has been some delay in ration issues especially in the Misaka and Miike areas, where at present there is only one half days ration on hand. It is reported that a considerable number of miners are failing to report to work in order to go to the country and purchase food from the farmers. They are bitterly assailing the Central Government, who had promised that there would be no delay in food rationing to the miners. Both management and labor are asking for help in this matter.

7. The blackmarket activity, particularly in the city districts has come to an almost complete stoppage in the past few weeks, and the people are really becoming excited as to the present situation, whereby they cannot get rice through official channels nor through their usual blackmarket channels. Trips to the country are still productive, in that direct farmer sales are still operating although also somewhat curtailed, according to the latest information.

8. To overcome the deficit shown in paragraph 4, it will be necessary to:

BASIC: Fukuoka Mil Govt Team, 430, subj: "Food Situation in Fukuoka Prefecture", dtd 12 Mar 47.

(a) Use more forceful methods by the local authorities, in the rice collection program.

(b) Increase the allotments of rice from surplus rice producing prefectures.

(c) Release a larger amount of imported feedstuffs through official channels.

9. Recent reports in the local newspapers stated that allotments of rice from surplus areas would be increased to 70,000 kokus, and that an additional supply of imported foods was being allotted to this prefecture, bringing that total up to 9,000 tons or roughly 57,300 kokus. Although not confirmed; this would represent a total increase of about 41,000 kokus of food bringing the net deficit down to about 30,000 kokus, providing that the collection of rice in this area will be brought up to 85% of the total quota, which is problematical.

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BASIC: Ltr, Hqs 24th Inf Div, Subj: "Report of Misuse of Released United States Food" dated 3 March 1947

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KYUSHU MIL GOVT REGION, HQ & HQ DET, APO 929, 5 March 1947

TO: Commanding Officer, Fukuoka Military Government Team

For your information and necessary action. Report action taken by indorsement hereon and return to this headquarters with information copy to Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL COUGHLIN:

/s/ Charles L. Bachtel

/t/ CHARLES L. BACHTEL
1st Lt. Sig C
Adjutant

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N/C

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FUKUOKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM, APO 929, 10 March 1947

TO: Commanding Officer, Kyushu Military Government Region, Hq & Hq Det, APO 929

In compliance with Ltr AG 430-B Headquarters 24th Infantry Division 3 March 1947 Fukuoka Military Government Team reports the following: One copy of basic letter and all attachments and indorsements attached thereto has been sent to the Kokura Military Government Detachment with instructions for a complete investigation to be made of the incident mentioned in the attached petition.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

/s/ Roger L. Landry

/t/ ROGER L. LANDRY
1st Lt. Cav
Adjutant

1 Incl:
N/C

Info copy:
CG, 24th Inf Division

HEADQUARTERS 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION
Office of the Commanding General
(Kokura, Kyushu)

AG 430-B

A.P.O. #24
3 March 1947

SUBJECT: Report of Misuse of Released United States Food.

TO : Commanding Officer, Kyushu Military Government Regional Headquarters, APO 929.

1. The attached petition addressed to the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, together with the translation of the petition, deals with the illegal distribution of food turned over to the Japanese Government by the United States Government.

2. Referred to your Headquarters for such action and consideration as you desire.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ D.E. Young.

/t/ D.E. YOUNG
Captain AGD
Asst Adj Gen

1 Incls:
Ltr, Subj: Petition, dated 5 Feb 47

Info Copy to: Commanding Officer, Kokura
Military Government Team

HEADQUARTERS 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION
178th Language Detachment
APO 24

24 February 1947

TO : Major General Lester, Commander of the 24th Division, Kokura
FROM : The Workers of the Kokura Coal Mine
DATE : 5 February 1947
ITEM : Petition
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During the months of July, August and September, 1946, when we suffered from an unprecedented shortage of food, the U.S. government in order to alleviate the critical situation, released food for the poor Japanese through human kindness.

We coal mine workers were also given a quota of the released food. However, due to the arbitrary and undemocratic disposal of the released food by some of the staff members of the management, we could not fully share in the kindness shown us by your government.

KUBA Gisuke, chief of the Employees' Union, and WAKASUGI Masao, chief of the Miners' Union, who were responsible for routine of this nature, distributed a small portion of the released food to us workers, and the greater part of it was illegally disposed of by some of the staff members of the management. This misconduct of the staff members was reported at that time to the police by some young miners, but the police paid no attention to the matter.

WAKASUGI Masao, who runs a public eating-house, even up to the present time.

We, the entire workers of the coalmine, have reluctantly closed our eyes this misconduct for the sake of peace in the coal mine, but the wicked fellows continue to lie in connection with the matter and dare to disturb the order of the coalmine by means of agitation. We have always endeavored to get rid of such wickedness so that unrest may not be provoked among the workers, but the above-mentioned persons show no sincerity in the correction of their actions. We have now determined to overthrow the wicked fellows for the sake of the coal mine and for the sake of peace. This is the reason that we present our plea to your Occupation Forces after revealing the details of the misbehavior referred to. We ardently desire that the people concerned all be tried by your court. If you want to know further details of the matter, we will gladly send you some proper representatives from among us at any time convenient you, or you will be given full information in the office of the Kokura Coal Miners' Union. We should like to make all points clear to you when an interview is granted. We eagerly await some response from you at the earliest opportunity

Yours truly,

The Workers of the Kokura Coal Mine