

SUMMARY OF MASTER’S DISSERTATION

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<p>Title</p> <h3 style="margin: 0;">A Concept Design of CSA for Stable Farm Management</h3>			
<p>Abstract</p> <p>Recently, "Collaborative Agriculture" which means the farming household works in collaboration with the consumers attracts attention. In this study, author focused on CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) which is one of the "Collaborative agriculture" between the farming household and the consumers. Although CSA is expected as new agriculture management system to achieve steady income from consumers, the farming household has been placed in unstable income.</p> <p>A previous study shows that the membership fee from consumers is most important factor which leads to better steady income every year. However the other study explains the profit from the product such as bread, rice and eggs is required in addition to membership fee from consumers.</p> <p>Author defined above mentioned CSA “the combined CSA” which features a stable business structure. In Japan, the farming household introduced the combined CSA is only one, the majority of farming household still keep running using the traditional CSA which is difficult to obtain steady income.</p> <p>In this study, according to hold an interview with combined CSA stakeholders, author revealed the system of combined CSA. It was found that two points are important in order to realize combined CSA. It is to take an action “division labor” between “membership fee business” and “addition to membership fee business from consumers”, and to secure the capital investment cost for “addition to membership fee business from consumers”. Also, author revealed combined CSA farmer has a lot of farmlands, so it is important to construct concepts that minor CSA farmers carry out combined CSA. Therefore, author searched the concept in order to make "minor CSA farm" transform "combined CSA".</p> <p>As a result, it is important to carry out following six points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure the trainees regularly. • To accumulate a capital investment cost to carry out “addition to membership fee business from consumers” by a crowd funding. • To organize the manual of organic farming in order to join members and trainees easily. • To tell trainees an agriculture technology and farm management methods. • To separate the members & trainees labor force from membership fee business. • To reveal the farmers assets information to members to prove not to earn excessive profits. 			
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