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#### Abstract

In 1999 we compared time budget structures of tulip bulb farmers in the harvest and post-harvest season in Japan and the Netherlands, by interview and questionnaire survey. Our results are as follows: 1) In Japan there are two peaks in monthly allocation of yearly labour input, June - July (harvest and post-harvest) and October (planting). In contrast, there is one peak in the Netherlands, June - July (harvest and post-harvest). In Japan labour time fluctuates month by month, while in the Netherlands it does not. 2) During the harvest and post-harvest season (9 days), Japanese farmers work for twelve to thirteen hours and sleep for less seven hours, while Dutch farmers works at most for ten and half hours and sleep for eight hours. 3) One of the reasons for the above fact is that Japanese farmers work even on Saturday and Sunday but Dutch ones do not so.


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## 1. Introduction

While Japanese production of floriculture as a whole has strongly grown, the gross production value and cultivation area of Japanese tulip bulbs have been stagnate. This is because, firstly, Japanese farmers of tulip bulbs have excess workload with hand work in busy season, secondly the number of them has decreased and they are aged, thirdly it is difficult to get employed workers, and forth they have difficulty in expanding their scale of production because of a required large fund of equipment investment. And according to time budget research and CFSI (Cumulative Fatigue Symptoms Index), they have a grate excess burden of agricultural work ${ }^{1}$.

In contrast, the production value and cultivation area of Dutch tulip bulbs have steadily risen. The Netherlands is the largest country in production and export in the world ${ }^{2}$. In Holland large scale farming is dominant and there is a strong network from research and development to production, sales, distribution and exporting. Therefore the flower bulb farming is established as a distinct industry ${ }^{3}$.

In this paper we shall compare time budget structure of tulip bulb farmers in busy season and discuss workload with respect to time allocation in Japan and Holland. And this comparison will be a useful basic research for improvement of working and life conditions in Japanese growers.

In literatures of international comparison of time budget, firstly, a group led by Dr. Szalai in Hungary gave a gland investigation of twelve countries in 1964-66, excluding Japan and Holland ${ }^{4}$. In 1993 a group led by Dr. Suzaiki in Japan, with cooperation of Dr. Harvey in Canada, made an international comparison of time budget in 7 countries including Japan and the Netherlands ${ }^{5}$. The investigation gave general features of time budget structure. We shall focus time budget of tulip bulb farmers in Japan and Holland

## 2. Research method

## 2.1 informants

We investigated two farms, A and B in Japan. Informants of farm A were a manager (40 years old man ) and his wife ( 40 years old). Those of farm B were a manager (47) and his wife (42). In Holland we investigated three farms, C, D and E. The informant of farm C was a manager ( 26 years old man ), that of farm $D$ was a manager (48), and that of farm $D$ was a manager (47).

## 2.2 investigation period

The investigation period in Japan was 9 days between the 11th and the 19th of June in 1999, and that of Holland was too 9 days between the 1st and the 9th of July in 1999, however the data of farm A was edited from annual record of $1995{ }^{6}$. Around 10 days are desirable as an investigation

[^0]period of time budget analysis7. Therefore we selected 9 days as the investigation period. And the period was busy season of tulip bulb cultivation in each country.

## 2.3 sheet and interview

(1) time budget sheet

Japanese and Dutch informants wrote down their time budgets in their time sheets before going to bed. However, the sheets had some difference in Japan and Holland. Dutch sheets were simpler than Japanese ones.

In Japanese sheet, time distance of time budget was 10 minutes. The sheet had records of 6 persons' time budgets at the same time, written by a representative of a farm. In the other hand in Dutch sheet, time distance was 15 minutes and 7 kinds of behaviors were prepared in advance and selected by each informant. After collecting data, we adjusted Japanese sheets to Dutch ones.

## (2) interview

We interviewed farmers to ask some contents and conditions of their works in a year and interpret the time budget sheets.

## 3. Some results

## 3.1 outline of the investigated area

As Table 1 shows, the population of the Netherlands is $12.4 \%$ of that of Japan in 1996. And the total land of the Netherlands is $10.8 \%$ of that of Japan. The share of agricultural land in the total of Japan is relatively small of $13.2 \%(4,994,000 \mathrm{ha})$, and that of the Netherlands is relatively large of $48.3 \%(1,972,755 \mathrm{ha})$. The Japanese acreage of flower bulbs is $1,160 \mathrm{ha}$. The Dutch acreage is 21,355ha, which is 18.4 times of the Japanese. The Japanese acreage of tulip bulb fields is 487 ha . The Dutch acreage is $10,374 \mathrm{ha}$, which is 21.3 times of the Japan. The Dutch history of tulip production has more than 400 years while the Japanese history has only 80 years ${ }^{8}$.

The Japanese two farms are located in Toyama prefecture. The Dutch three farms are nearly at Horn in 'Nord Holland' province. The prefecture and the province are both famous for a tulip cultivation area in each country. Toyama has a share of $48.7 \%(237 \mathrm{ha})$ in tulip bulb fields of Japan. And also 'Nord Holland' amounts to a share of $55.6 \%(5,763 \mathrm{ha})$ in tulip bulb fields of the Netherlands. And the investigated farms in Japan and Holland are both located in sandy loam fields.

## 3.2 outline of farms

(1) composition of labour power

Table 2 shows outline of farms. In composition of labor power, Japanese farm A had three farmers which were a couple of husband and wife and his mother. It employed seasonal part-time workers which amounted to 1,358 man days a year. Farm B had three farmers, too, which were a couple of

[^1]husband and wife and his mother. It employed seasonal part-time workers which amounted to 1,700 man days a year.

Dutch farm C was a joint business of which owners were two family managers, and each family managers were composed of father and his son. It employed 14 fulltime workers and seasonal part-time workers which amounted to 2,900 man days a year. Farm D had one manager. And it employed 6 fulltime workers and seasonal part-time workers which amounted to 2,348 man days. Farm E was a joint company which was owned by two brothers. It employed only one worker and seasonal part-time workers which amounted to 453 man days. The employment of farm E was rather small because of the partial work contract.

## (2) cultivation area

The Japanese farm A had 12.0ha and farm B had 12.7ha. The Dutch farm C had 42.0ha, farm D 21.5ha and farm E 30.0ha. In all farms in both countries, most of their cultivation acreage were rented and their own lands were rather small.

## (3) crops

Main crops of our investigated farms were tulip bulbs. The Japanese two farms were multiple farming with tulip bulbs and paddy-rice. In the other hand the Dutch two farms of C and D produced tulip bulbs and cut-flowers, and farm E managed tulip bulbs and onions.
(4) partial farm work contract

The Japanese farms had partial farm work contracts of paddy-rice cultivation, but the Dutch farms did not have them.
(5) machines

Dutch farms have higher quality of machines and equipments than Japanese ones. Japanese growers dig up tulip bulbs every 1.10 meter by using harvesting machine which are equipped with a tractor, eliminate soil of bulbs by chain conveyer in the back of the tractor, and pick up bulbs to ridges in the rear. Around ten employed workers put the bulbs in their baskets by hand( picture 1).

picture 1

In the sandy loam area in the Netherlands, net-cultivation method was introduced around in 1995. The Dutch informants use this production system. Owing to this system, bulbs are planted in pipe-shaped nets, and growers work by the special planting and digging machine equipped with a tractor. In the previous digging machines a lots of lumps of soil were mixed in a storing box of tulip bulbs, but in the net method there is few of lumps of soil (picture 2).


The standard unit of fields in Japan is in general a square of 100 times 30 meters (0.3ha) while that in Holland is 400 times 100 meters (4.0ha).
(6) production quantity and sales value of tulip bulbs

According to our interview, Japanese farm A produced 1,780 thousands of tulip bulbs and farm B did 1,400 thousands. The sales value of farm A was 42,500 thousands yens and that of farm B was 30,000 thousands yens.

Dutch farm C produced 14,000 thousands bulbs, farm D 9,000 thousands, and farm D 10,000 thousands bulbs. The sales value of Farm C was 120 million yens, that of Farm D was 54 million yens, and that of farm E was 60 million yens, calculating one guilder as 60 yens.

### 3.3 Allocation and content of labor input

Table 3 shows monthly allocation of total labor input in Japanese and Dutch farms and Table 4 shows working season in Japan and Holland. In Japan there are two peaks. The one is June and July, and the other is October. In the Netherlands there is one peak of June and July. The level of the peak labor in the Netherlands is smaller than in Japan. June and July is a harvest and post -harvest season in tulip bulb cultivation. October is a planting season in Japan.

Table 5 shows monthly allocation of farmer's labor input in Japan and Holland. In Japan all four farmers have large seasonal fluctuation. Especially in farm B the manger and his wife have small labour input in winter season. In the case of farm A winter is a busy season because of cut-flower cultivation, and they have busy time through a year. In the Netherlands there is only small seasonal fluctuation in labour input, however labour input in winter is a little short.

In respect to yearly labor input of each farmer, farm A is 2,734 hours, farm B 2,190 hours.

Dutch farm C is 2,400 , farm $D$ is 3,120 , and farm E is 2,490 hours. Farm A and D have relatively large amount of total labour input.

## 3.4 time budget structure

## (1) daily classification of time budget

We distinguish working and off-working time. Working time means the time between the beginning and the end of work. It is constitute of labour time, morning and afternoon breaks, lunch time, and relax time. The off-working time that consists of breaks, lunch and relax time during working time is denoted as off-working time(A), and all time but working is denoted as off-working time(B). In the investigation period we can classify four types of off-working time(B) as the first column shown in Table 6.

During the investigation period, farmers in Japan and Holland were in busy season and therefore they, except farm E, did not have holiday. So they seemed to have great workload.

## (2)Average time budget and daily fluctuation

Table 7 shows the structure of average daily time budget during 9 days (harvest and post-harvest season). Total daily life time in average amounted to 1,440 to 1,457 minutes for all informants. It should be 1,440 minutes (i.e. 24 hours) if we count it staring from 0 a.m. But we considered the cyclical period of their life behavior and it had some personal difference.

The Japanese managers worked for 12 to 13 hours. The Dutch ones worked for 7 or 8 hours to 10 hours. They worked for shorter time than the Japanese ones. The off-working time(A) was 52 or 89 minutes in the Japanese managers. In the Netherlands, it was 102 to 122 minutes and longer than Japanese one.

The total of off-working time(B) means a distance time of working, except farm E. That of Japanese farm A and B was 11 hours and 9 hours and half, while that of the Dutch farm C and D was 14 hours and 11 hours and half. The total of off-working time $(B)$ of farm $E$ was more than 15 hours. Japanese off-working time(B) was shorten by long working time and was rather shorter than the desirable time of 13 or 14 hours $^{9}$, however Dutch off-working time(B) includes one or two hours of housekeeping which maybe be counted as working time.

Sleeping time of the Japanese managers was less than 7 hours owing to short distance of working while that of the Dutch ones was around 8 hours.

In respect to women, we cannot compare it because of lack of the Dutch data. But we can describe the Japanese case. Japanese women had long time of housekeeping. Especially respecting to time of housekeeping in off-working time, the wife of farm A had 3 hours, and the wife of farm B had almost 5 hours. The wife of farm B had also another 30 minutes of housekeeping in working time(A). Therefore adding up working time and housekeeping time, the wife of farm A had about 13 hours, the wife of farm B had 11 hours of restricted time.

Table 8 shows daily fluctuation of working time in Japan and Holland. The Dutch fluctuation was lager than Japanese one. Especially Dutch working time on Sunday was very short. Japanese

[^2]one had no relation to day of week.
Table 9 shows daily fluctuation of sleeping time in off-working time(B). Japanese sleeping time is not variable while Dutch one on Saturday is more than 10 hours for every farm.
(3) average daily time budget and daily fluctuation

Table 10 shows average time of getting up and going bed in the harvest and post harvest season. Japanese males get up at 5:50 and 5:36 while Dutch males get up in the early half of 7 a.m. Japanese managers go to bed around at $11 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. In the case of Dutch managers, one person goes to bed in the early half of 11 pm , and two persons in the late half. Therefore Dutch managers sleep more than Japanese ones by one hour.

Japanese managers begin to work at 6:49 and 5:53 while Dutch ones do after 7 a.m. The Japanese managers end to work at 19:53 and 20:33 while Dutch ones do at 18:00, 20:00, and 18:34. Japanese managers have 2 hours and 54 minutes, and 2 hours and 35 minutes as free time between the ending of work and going to bed, while Dutch ones do 5 hours and 33 minutes, 3 hours and 8 minutes, 5 hours and 13 minutes.

The wake-up time and bed time of Japanese females are almost same to their husbands. But their beginning time of work is later than that of their husbands, and their ending time is sooner than that of their husbands. It is because they engage in housekeeping.

Table 11 shows a comparison in Japanese farm A and Dutch farm C respecting to dairy fluctuation of the wake-up and bed time, and the beginning and ending time of work. Japanese farm A does not have so much fluctuation. In contrast Dutch farm C has some fluctuation. On the $3^{\text {rd }}$ of July, he waked up and started as usual, but finished farm-working in the morning, did housekeeping at home in the afternoon and enjoyed leisure outside of home from 6:15 p.m. to 2:45a.m. in the next day. After then he took sleeping for 11 hours, waked up 1: 45 p.m., and worked another one hour for preparing farm working in the following day.

## 4. Discussion

## 4.1 informants

The investigated farms are large farms in cultivation scale in Japan and Holland. According to a survey of Toyama prefecture in 1996, farms cultivating less than 30a are $36 \%$ ( 135 farms), farms of 30 to 100a are $45 \%(171$ farms $)$, and farms of more than 1 ha is $19 \%\left(70\right.$ farms ) in total farms ${ }^{10}$. Farm A had 7.9ha of tulip bulb field, farm B had 6.8 ha of tulip bulb field and 0.2 of other bulb fields. Therefore they are very large bulb farms in scale.

According to a survey of 1997, there is $31 \%$ ( 931 farms) of less than $4.9 \mathrm{ha}, 15 \%$ ( 442 farms) of 4.0 to 8.0 ha, and $54 \%$ ( 1605 farms) of more than 8ha in Holland. Farm C and D had more than 20.0ha of tulip bulb field. As Table 1 shows, the cultivation area of tulip bulbs is 5.28 ha in all Holland. Therefore they were very large bulb farms.

We selected the investigated farms which were large in both countries, because large-scale

[^3]farms tended to prevail in both countries ${ }^{11}$ and therefore we could get some implication on workload, however our informants were only 2 farms ( 4 persons) in Japan and 3 farms ( 3 persons) and they recorded their tome budgets only for 9 days. It is of course difficult to generalize our result, but we can get some information of growers' workload in the present.

## 4.2 allocation of yearly labor input

In Japan there are two peaks in monthly allocation of yearly labour input, June - July (harvest and post-harvest) and October (planting). In contrast, there is one peak in the Netherlands, June - July (harvest and post-harvest). In Japan labour time fluctuates month by month, while in the Netherlands it does not.

This is because Japanese bulb farmers depend on seasonal employment even in large farms while Dutch farmers employ permanent workers, constant allocation of labour input through a year is obtainable and they have high level of mechanization.

## 4.3 time budget structure in busy season

Prof. M. Yano says in Sociology of time budget, "The best approach to features of Japanese life is comparing with foreign countries. And industrialization in any countries makes their mode of production standardized though countries. This standardization of mode of production causes standardization of mode of life style however each country keeps its uniqueness. It is helpful for understanding Japanese future life to realize the uniqueness" ${ }^{\prime 1}$.

Dr. Suzuki et al summarized Japanese features of time budget, comparing the 6 advanced European and American countries (the Netherlands, UK, Denmark, Finland, USA, and Canada): 1. short sleeping time (especially female), 2. long working time, 3 . short housekeeping of men, 4. long total working time, including transport and housekeeping, which is 30 minutes longer than the 6 advanced countries because Japanese males does not do housekeeping, 5. a large difference of male and female respect to working and housekeeping time, and "males go to work and females do housekeeping", 6 . short leisure time, particularly in positive leisure such as friendship ${ }^{13}$.

Table 12 shows a comparison of time budget in Japan and Holland. It is extracted from NHK(1995). The standard Dutch has short sleeping time but relatively much room in life time in the 6 advanced countries. The Dutch adult women have short working time and a definite role of play in housekeeping. In contrast Japanese adult women have a double burden of long work and housekeeping time.

The above features of time budget in Japan and Holland are applied to our comparative investigation of males (managers) in both countries. The busy season makes the differences between Japan and Holland clear. Especially, Japanese managers' working time amounts to twelve or thirteen hours. This fact cuts the other time of life and causes less than 7 hours of sleeping time. In Dutch mangers get around 8 hours of sleeping time in spite of their tight time budgets in the

[^4]busy season.
Beside above the social background in Japan, the reasons of long working time in busy season are the following: 1. A manager have to take skilled work of operating tractors at digging up tulip bulbs ${ }^{14} .2$. The busy season is a rainy season and there is few of days workable in fields. 3. Shipping days of tulip bulbs are set earlier (the end of July) because Japanese bulbs should be sold out before Dutch bulbs are imported. 4. Tulip growers work on Saturday and Sunday as week days by the above 2 nd and 3rd reasons.

Tachi(1997a) and Tachi et al(1997c) say that Japanese tulip bulb growers have excess working time in busy season. Our research makes it clear by comparing with the Dutch growers. Estimating from the above quantity of production and sale value, the Dutch unit price of tulip bulbs was less than 10 yens while Japanese one was more than 20 yens. In the international competitiveness Japanese bulb prices slumped down and farm B wanted to keep bulb production and expand rice field because his rice production did not need another employment and extra investment of equipment. This made further workload to him.

In this paper we did a comparative research about only one kind of farms (large-scale farm) of tulip bulb farmers in busy season. It is not to say that it is necessary for improvement of work and life conditions to compare yearly time budget investigation.

## 5. Summary

We compared time budget structures of tulip bulb farmers in the harvest and post-harvest season in Japan and the Netherlands, by interview and questionnaire survey. Our results are as follows:

1) According to our interviews, in Japan there are two peaks in monthly allocation of yearly labour input, June - July (harvest and post-harvest) and October (planting). In contrast, there is one peak in the Netherlands, June - July (harvest and post-harvest). In Japan labour time fluctuates month by month, while in the Netherlands it does not.
2) During the harvest and post-harvest season (9 days), Japanese farmers work for twelve to thirteen hours on average and sleep for less seven hours, while Dutch farmers works at most for ten and half hours and sleep for eight hours on average.
3) One of the reasons for the above fact is that Japanese farmers work even on Saturday and Sunday but Dutch ones do not so.

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Tables

Table1 Outline of the investigated areas in 1996

|  |  | Japan |  | Holland |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Toyama | All Japan | Nord Holland | all Holland |
| population | (men) | 1,126,000 | 125,864,000 | 2,486,000 | 15,654,000 |
| working population | (men) | 615,000 | 67,110,000 | 11,000,000 | 6,971,000 |
| workers in agriculture | (men) | 33,000 | 3,499,000 | 10,892 | 302,000 |
| percentage of agricultural workers in total | (\%) | 5.4 | 5.2 | 1.0 | 4.3 |
| total land | (ha) | 424,647 | 37,776,387 | 351,800 | 4,084,400 |
| agricultural land | (ha) | 63,600 | 4,994,000 | 138,781 | 1,972,755 |
| cultivation area of flower bulbs | (ha) | 260 | 1,160 | 12,240 | 21,355 |
| cultivation area of tulip bulbs | (ha) | 237 | 487 | 5,763 | 10,374 |
| share of bulb area in total land | (\%) | 15.0 | 13.2 | 39.4 | 48.3 |
| share of bulb area in agricultural land | (\%) | 0.4 | 0.02 | 8.8 | 1.1 |
| share of tulips in bulb area | (\%) | 91.2 | 42.0 | 47.1 | 48.6 |
| total farms |  | 44,610 | 2,513,270 | 7,535 | 104,873 |
| flower bulb farms |  | 382 | 3,830 | 1,471 | 2,970 |
| tulip farms |  | 306 | 971 | 1,153 | 1,964 |
| share of bulbs in total farms | (\%) | 0.9 | 0.2 | 19.5 | 2.8 |
| share of tulip in bulb farms | (\%) | 80.1 | 25.4 | 78.4 | 66.1 |
| cultivation area of flower bulbs per farm | (a) | 68 | 30 | 832 | 719 |
| cultivation area of tulip bulbs per farm | (a) | 77 | 50 | 500 | 528 |

Source of Japan: Japan statistic year book 1998, Outlook of Toyama 1998, Flower Data Book 1998,
and History of Toyama Bulb Association:50 years
Source of Holland: World statistic year book 1998, and LEI 1998

Table2 Outlook of farms

|  | Japan |  | Holland |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Farm | A | B | C | D | E |
| farmers (men) | 3 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| fulltime workers (men) | 0 | 0 | 14 | 6 | 1 |
| employment (man days) | 1358 | 1700 | 2900 | 2348 | 453 |
| own land (a) | 163 | 130 | 0 | 50 | 1000 |
| rental land (a) | 1039 | 1140 | 4200 | 2100 | 2000 |
| Total (a) | 1202 | 1270 | 4200 | 2150 | 3000 |
| crops |  |  |  |  |  |
| tulip bulbs (a) | 790 | 680 | 4200 | 2150 | 2000 |
| other bulbs (a) | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| tulip flowers (pieces) | 20,000 | 0 | 10,000,000 | 2,200,000 | 0 |
| peony (a) | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| rice (a) | 412 | 550 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| onion (a) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1000 |
| rice(contract work) |  |  |  |  |  |
| bed making (pieces) | 1538 |  |  |  |  |
| plowing (a) | 277 | 130 |  |  |  |
| puddling (a) | 277 | 130 |  |  |  |
| planting (a) | 837 | 130 |  |  |  |
| harvesting (a) | 413 | 90 |  |  |  |
| post harvest (t) | 19 |  |  |  |  |
| machines |  |  |  |  |  |
| tractor | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| planting | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| sprayer | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| harvesting | 1 | 2 | 1 (net) | 1 (net) | 1 (net) |
| sorting | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| rice planting | 1(6rows) | 1(5rows) |  |  |  |
| rice combine | 1(5rows) | 1(3rows) |  |  |  |

1) man days $=$ yearly hours $/ 8$ hours
2) Farm A was investigated in 1995 and the others were in 1999.
3) Farm $A$ has 4 tractors( $80 p s, 48 p s, 42 p s, 32 p s$ ).
4) Farm $B$ has 4 tractors( $70 \mathrm{ps}, 32 \mathrm{ps}, 31 \mathrm{ps}, 26 \mathrm{ps}$ ).
5) Farm C has 2 tractors( $94 \mathrm{ps}, 80 \mathrm{ps}$ ).
6) Farm D has 2 tractors(65ps,65ps).
7) Farm $F$ has 4 tractors(120ps,100ps,100ps,80ps).
8) Each of $A$ and $B$ has 1 planting machine(wheal,6rows).
9) Each of $C, D$ and $E$ has 1 planting machine(net).

Table3 Allocation of labour input by month
(hours)

|  | Japan |  | Holland |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | A | B | C | D | E |
| Jan | 499 | 20 | 2800 | 1400 | 500 |
| Feb | 494 | 20 | 2800 | 1400 | 500 |
| March | 721 | 200 | 2800 | 1400 | 500 |
| April | 1132 | 1200 | 2800 | 1500 | 500 |
| May | 1321 | 1000 | 2400 | 1500 | 800 |
| June | 4525 | 5500 | 3200 | 2700 | 1800 |
| July | 3663 | 5000 | 2400 | 4000 | 1200 |
| August | 480 | 500 | 2400 | 2200 | 600 |
| September | 1382 | 1200 | 2800 | 1500 | 600 |
| October | 2909 | 2500 | 2800 | 1500 | 600 |
| November | 590 | 800 | 2800 | 1400 | 500 |
| December | 312 | 200 | 2800 | 1400 | 500 |
| Total | 18027 | 18140 | 32800 | 21900 | 8600 |

1) Farm A was investigated in 1995.
2) Farm B, C, D, and E were interviewed in 1999.

Table 4 work season by crops

| farm |  | crops | planting | harvest | post-harvest |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Japan | A | tulip bulb <br> rice | Oct6-Oct31 <br> May7-May15 | Jun4-Jun29 <br> Sep5-Sep26 | Jun4-July31 <br> Sep14-Sep30 |
|  | B | tulip bulb <br> rice | Oct5-Oct31 <br> May7-May14 | Jun3-Jun30 <br> Sep12-Sep22 | Jun5-July25 <br> Sep12-Sep22 |
| Holland | C | tulip bulb | Oct15-Nov15 | Jun1-July31 | Jun1-Aug15 |
|  | D | tulip bulb | Oct1-Nov1 | Jun15-July15 | Jun15-Aug7 |
|  | E | tulip bulb <br> onion | Oct15-Nov15 <br> Mar10-Mar20 | Jun20-July20 <br> Sep10-Oct1 | Jun20-Aug15 <br> Jan1-Mar31 |

Table 5 Farmer's labour input by month
(hours)

|  | Japan |  |  |  | Holland |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A |  | B |  | C <br> manager | D <br> manager | E manager |
|  | manager | wife | manager | wife |  |  |  |
| Jan | 158 | 142 | 20 | 0 | 200 | 240 | 180 |
| Feb | 161 | 156 | 20 | 0 | 200 | 240 | 180 |
| Mar | 212 | 184 | 100 | 50 | 200 | 240 | 180 |
| Apr | 268 | 209 | 240 | 160 | 200 | 280 | 180 |
| May | 274 | 217 | 200 | 150 | 200 | 280 | 210 |
| Jun | 342 | 277 | 360 | 240 | 200 | 280 | 240 |
| Jul | 244 | 271 | 300 | 240 | 200 | 280 | 240 |
| Aug | 169 | 148 | 160 | 100 | 200 | 280 | 240 |
| Sep | 256 | 180 | 240 | 150 | 200 | 280 | 240 |
| Oct | 325 | 214 | 300 | 200 | 200 | 240 | 240 |
| Nov | 150 | 115 | 150 | 100 | 200 | 240 | 180 |
| Dec | 177 | 99 | 100 | 50 | 200 | 240 | 180 |
| total | 2734 | 2211 | 2190 | 1440 | 2400 | 3120 | 2490 |

1) Farm A was investigated in 1995.
2) Farm B, C, D, and E were interviewed in 1999.

Table 6 Types and days of off-working time(B) in the investigation period (days)

|  | Japan |  |  |  | Holland |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A |  | B |  | C <br> manager | $\mathrm{D}$ <br> manager | E <br> manager |
|  | manager | wife | manager | wife |  |  |  |
| Type A | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 5 |
| Type B | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Type C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Type D | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| total | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |

Type A: from work-ending to work-beginning in the next day(continuous working days)
Type B.: from work-ending to getting up in the next day(working day and holiday)
Type C: from getting up to beginning of work(holiday and working day)
Type D: from getting up to next getting up(two holidays)

Table 7 Time budget structure of an average day in busy season
(minutes)

|  | Japan |  |  |  | Holland |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A |  | B |  | C | D | E |
|  | manager | wife | manager | wife | manager | manager | manager |
| working time | 733 | 592 | 791 | 364 | 508 | 638 | 423 |
| off-working time (A) <br> sleeping <br> eating and getting dressed <br> leisure and others <br> housekeeping <br> no entry | $\begin{array}{r} 0 \\ 52 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array}$ | 0 92 0 0 0 | 12 64 12 0 0 | 28 101 0 29 0 | 0 102 0 0 0 | 0 120 0 2 0 | 0 120 0 0 0 |
| total | 52 | 92 | 89 | 158 | 102 | 122 | 120 |
| off-working time (B) | 417 | 429 |  |  |  |  |  |
| sleeping |  |  | 392 | 433 | 468 | 482 | 462 |
| eating and getting dressed | 126 | 122 | 58 | 77 | 32 | 28 | 112 |
| leisure and others | 120 | 10 | 107 | 97 | 200 | 120 | 278 |
| housekeeping | 0 | 185 | 14 | 290 | 130 | 0 | 52 |
| no entry | 7 | 10 | 2 | 33 | 0 | 67 | 5 |
| total | 669 | 756 | 572 | 930 | 830 | 697 | 908 |
| total | 1454 | 1440 | 1452 | 1452 | 1440 | 1457 | 1451 |

Table 8 Working time in busy season of tulip bulb cultivation
(minutes)

|  | Japan |  |  |  | Holland |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A |  | B |  | C | D | E |
|  | manager | wife | manager | wife | manager | manager | manager |
| 6/11(7/1) | 800 | 570 | 830 | 380 | 570 | 540 | 600 |
| 6/12(7/2) | 850 | 630 | 850 | 420 | 585 | 660 | 570 |
| 6/13(7/3) | 540 | 570 | 820 | 410 | 285 | 510 | 450 |
| 6/14(7/4) | 530 | 360 | 770 | 390 | 75 | 315 | $\underline{0}$ |
| 6/15(7/5) | 730 | 600 | 1010 | 390 | 630 | 615 | 585 |
| 6/16(7/6) | 870 | 730 | 970 | 390 | 660 | 690 | 0 |
| 6/17(7/7) | 690 | 600 | 780 | 390 | 600 | 930 | 480 |
| 6/18(7/8) | 805 | 660 | 550 | 390 | 570 | 795 | 465 |
| 6/19(7/9) | 780 | 610 | 540 | 120 | 600 | 690 | 570 |
| average | 733 | 592 | 791 | 364 | 508 | 638 | 423 |

1) figures in ( / ) are month and date in Holland
2) figures on underline are on Sunday

Table 9 Sleeping time in busy season of tulip bulb cultivation (minutes)

|  | Japan |  |  |  | Holland |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A |  | B |  | C | D | E |
|  | manager | wife | manager | wife | manager | manager | manager |
| 6/11(7/1) | 420 | 410 | 390 | 450 | 450 | 435 | 435 |
| 6/12(7/2) | 420 | 390 | 390 | 420 | 435 | 390 | 435 |
| 6/13(7/3) | 450 | 450 | $\underline{420}$ | $\underline{420}$ | 660 | 660 | 600 |
| 6/14(7/4) | 390 | 480 | 360 | 420 | 405 | 480 | 405 |
| 6/15(7/5) | 420 | 420 | 310 | 420 | 435 | 480 | 660 |
| 6/16(7/6) | 420 | 420 | 400 | 480 | 465 | 480 | 390 |
| 6/17(7/7) | 450 | 450 | 420 | 420 | 450 | 405 | 390 |
| 6/18(7/8) | $\underline{420}$ | 420 | 420 | 450 | 450 | 510 | 420 |
| 6/19(7/9) | 360 | 420 | 420 | 420 | 465 | 495 | 420 |
| average | 417 | 429 | 392 | 433 | 468 | 482 | 462 |

1) figures in ( / ) are month and date in Holland
2) figures on underline are on Sunday

Table 10 Time cycle of a day in average in busy season of tulip bulb cultivation

|  | Japan |  |  |  | Holland |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A |  | B |  | C | D | E |
|  | manager | wife | manager | wife | manager | manager | manager |
| wake-up time | 5:50 | 6:03 | 5:36 | 5:53 | 7:20 | 7:13 | 7:27 |
| beginning | 6:49 | 8:06 | 5:53 | 9:04 | 7:50 | 7:38 | 7:09 |
| ending | 19:53 | 19:31 | 20:33 | 17:33 | 18:00 | 20:00 | 18:34 |
| bedtime | 22:47 | 22:51 | 23:08 | 22:47 | 23:33 | 23:08 | 23:47 |

1) Farmer $E$ was investigated during 7 days and the others were during 9 days

Table 11 Time budget in busy season of tulip bulb cultivation

|  | Japan(Farm A, farmer) |  |  |  | Holland(Farm C, farmer) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | wake-up | beginning | ending | bedtime | wake-up | beginning | ending | bedtime |
| 6/11(7/1) | 5:30 | 5:30 | 20:00 | 23:00 | 6:30 | 6:45 | 18:00 | 23:00 |
| 6/12(7/2) | 6:00 | 6:50 | 21:00 | 23:00 | 6:30 | 6:45 | 19:15 | 23:15 |
| 6/13(7/3) | 6:00 | 7:30 | 18:00 | 23:00 | 6:30 | 6:45 | 12:00 | 2:45 |
| 6/14(7/4) | 6:30 | 6:50 | 18:00 | 22:00 | 13:45 | 16:30 | 17:45 | 23:45 |
| 6/15(7/5) | 4:30 | 7:00 | 19:30 | 23:00 | 6:30 | 6:45 | 19:30 | 23:15 |
| 6/16(7/6) | 6:00 | 6:40 | 21:30 | 23:00 | 6:30 | 6:30 | 19:30 | 22:45 |
| 6/17(7/7) | 6:00 | 7:00 | 19:00 | 22:30 | 6:30 | 6:45 | 18:30 | 23:00 |
| 6/18(7/8) | 6:00 | 7:00 | 21:00 | 23:00 | 6:30 | 6:45 | 18:00 | 23:15 |
| 6/19(7/9) | 6:00 | 7:00 | 21:00 | 22:30 | 6:45 | 7:00 | 19:30 | 23:00 |
| average | 5:50 | 6:49 | 19:53 | 22:47 | 7:20 | 7:50 | 18:00 | 23:33 |

1) figures in ( / ) are month and date in Holland
2) figures on underline are on Sunday

Table 12 Weekly time budget in Japan and Holland

|  | Japan |  |  |  | Holland |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | adult men |  | adult women |  | adult men |  | adult women |  |
|  | h. m | rank | h. m | rank | h. m | rank | h. m | rank |
| sleeping time | 7.47 | 6 | 7.20 | 7 | 7.42 | 7 | 8.03 | 6 |
| working time | 7.15 | 1 | 3.49 | 1 | 4.19 | 7 | 1.20 | 7 |
| housekeeping | 0.31 | 7 | 4.41 | 2 | 2.03 | 3 | 4.53 | 1 |
| work+commute+housekeeping | 8.36 | 1 | 8.52 | 1 | 6.51 | 7 | 6.24 | 7 |
| leisure and etc. | 5.05 | 7 | 4.57 | 7 | 7.02 | 2 | 7.00 | 2 |

1) data is made from $\mathrm{NHK}(1995)$.
2) figures of Japan are in 1990, and those of Holland in 1985.
3) h.m. means hours and minutes.
4) rank shows a position among Japan, Holland, UK, Denmark, Finland, USA, and Canada.

[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ See Tachi et al (1997b,c).
    ${ }^{2}$ See Niisato(1999a,b).
    ${ }^{3}$ See Kobayasi(2000).
    ${ }^{4}$ See Szalai(1972).
    ${ }^{5}$ See NHK(1995).
    ${ }^{6}$ See Tachi et al(1997c).

[^1]:    ${ }^{7}$ See Kosugo(1963).
    ${ }^{8}$ See Tachi(1997a).

[^2]:    ${ }^{9}$ See Tachi(1997a).

[^3]:    10 See Niisato(1999a,b).

[^4]:    ${ }^{11}$ See Niisato(1999a,b).
    ${ }_{12}$ See Yano(1996) pp.153-164.
    ${ }^{13}$ See NHK (1995).

