

Agriculture



Agriculture is one of the core industries of Shibetsu City. Tokichi Fusho and Eita Yamazaki are two individuals that contributed to the development of this industry.

Tokichi Fusho was responsible for taking the peatlands of Tayoro Town that were unfit for farming and improving them with the clay soil dressing technique. The term "peatland" refers to swamp-like areas created by the accumulation of partially-decayed vegetation. By mixing clay into this sort of soil, Tokichi Fusho was able to turn it into a soil that was fit for cultivation and would serve as the foundation for the current agriculture industry.



Eita Yamazaki succeeded in growing rice using the hotbed method of raising rice seedlings in the cold climate of Shibetsu where rice cultivation had been difficult. As a result, it became possible to increase rice production even in chilly Hokkaido.

It is thanks to hardships like these of those that came before us that the city of Shibetsu is able to thrive as the farming town it is today.