

【Sasagamine Farm】

Sasagamine Farm covers approximately 600 hectares and is scattered with elm, Japanese beech, and Japanese white birch trees. The winter snow melts by late May, giving way to meadow buttercups that form a carpet of yellow across the fields from spring through summer.

The farm becomes lively in July and August, when around 100 head of beef and dairy cattle graze in the fields. The dairy cattle are high-producing Holstein Friesian cattle originating from northern Europe. The beef cattle are Japanese black and Japanese shorthorn, two of the four breeds of Japanese wagyu cows. Their meat is marketed as Kubiki beef, named after the low-lying Kubiki Plain.

The Sasagamine Highland is situated at an elevation of around 1,300 meters. The area has low humidity, and temperatures can swing from 28 degrees Celsius in the summer to minus 28 degrees in the winter, when accumulated snow can reach heights of over five meters.