

Some people believe that purchasing imported agricultural products has a positive effect. Others think consuming domestic products is better. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Essay:

The debate over the consumption of imported versus domestic agricultural products is a salient one, often centering on the aspects of freshness, reliability, and economic impact.

Foremost, proponents of buying local agricultural goods argue that domestically produced items ensure more reliability and freshness. Their contention is that consumers can trust the quality of these items because they are often grown under the observance of familiar farming practices and don't also have to endure long shipping exposures, therefore retaining more freshness. An additional advantage suggested is the potential economic boost to the local economies. Higher taxes on domestic farmers could lead to increased local revenue. The example in South Korea, where many citizens prefer their local agricultural products due to perceived better freshness and reliability, underscores this view.

On the contrary, others perceive the import of agricultural produce as a more favorable choice. The crux of their argument is competition-led affordability and quality. They suggest that having both imported and domestic goods vying for market share promotes lower prices. The stimulus of competition can also drive an increase in product quality. South Korea's beef export policy in the 2000s exemplifies this, as the introduction of large import quantities led to decreased beef prices and better local beef quality.

In conclusion, both standpoints bring valuable considerations to the table, and the choice might ultimately be individual consumer preferences.

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Good expressions:

1. A salient one [                      ]
2. Familiar farming practices [                      ]
3. Vying for market share [                      ]
4. Competition-led affordability [                      가                      가                      ]
5. Stimulus of competition [                      ]
6. Valuable considerations [                      ]
7. Individual consumer preferences [                      ]