

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:

There is a growing debate whether the consumption of imported agricultural products is more beneficial compared to locally sourced produce. Some individuals argue that domestically grown products offer reliability and freshness, while others believe in the perks of importing different products due to the beneficial market competition.

Domestic agricultural goods may hold an edge over their imported counterparts due to their perceived freshness and reliability. When consumers purchase domestically-sourced foods, they often obtain fresher products because of reduced transportation time. This preference for locally grown foods not only leads to better consumer satisfaction but also enables governments to gain higher tax revenues from the local agricultural sector. For instance, in South Korea, consumers generally prefer locally grown fruits and vegetables due to the trust they have in local farming methods and practices.

On the other hand, the importation of agricultural goods can stimulate market competition, potentially leading to more affordable prices and improved quality. When domestic and imported products compete, the competition usually results in manufacturers ensuring a higher quality of their products and lower prices to entice customers. In South Korea, for instance, the government policy in the 2000s to import beef had the desired effect of reducing overall beef prices and improving local beef quality.

In conclusion, while local produce appeals due to its freshness and reliability, the importation of agricultural goods promotes healthy market competition leading to better prices and quality.

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3. stimulate market competition -
4. higher consumer satisfaction -
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