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Characteristics of Nutrient Eluviation of Soils Planted with Japanese Apricot (*Prunus mume* Sieb. et Zucc.) Tree in Wakayama Prefecture

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Soil types of a Japanese apricot farm in Wakayama prefecture are gley brown earth, yellow soil, gray lowland soil and lithosol. This experiment investigated the characteristics of nutrient eluviation in these soils to develop guidelines for soil management according to the soil type. In any soil type, the higher the inorganic nitrogen in soil was, the higher the nitrogen concentration in percolated water became. The nitrogen concentration in percolated water increased in the order of lowland soil, brown earth, yellow soil to lithosol. The amount of cationic

concentration in percolated water \times percolated water volume) was high in gray lowland soil. Total cation equivalent correlated well with total anion equivalent regardless of soil type. This positive relationship suggested that cation leaching in the order of the amount of anion such as nitrate ion and sulfuric acid ion. These findings suggested that considerable cation was leached due to the amount of percolated water or due to the amount of percolated water in gray lowland soil or due to the amount of percolated water.

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