

60,000 persimmons worth \$26,000 stolen from orchard

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Article

Some 60,000 persimmons have been stolen from an orchard in Gifu City, central Japan.

According to police, a male farmer, 63, made an emergency call at around 12:50 p.m. on Oct. 18, and was quoted as saying: "Persimmons have been stolen from my orchard. Almost all of them are gone." Police confirmed that some 60,000 persimmons of the Fuyu variety, worth about 3 million yen (roughly \$26,000), had apparently been stolen.

The orchard is about 990 square meters large. Branches of the persimmon trees were cut off with what appear to be scissors.

There has been a spate of persimmon theft cases at orchards and unattended shops in Gifu Prefecture in recent years, and the prefectural police had been increasing their vigilance. Police are investigating the case as a theft.

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Quiz

1. How were the persimmons stolen?
2. Why might the police be embarrassed about the theft?

Conversation

A: Officer! I'd like to report a theft! Someone's made off with my persimmons!

B: I'm sorry, sir, did you just say you've had a persimmon stolen?

A: Not just one... all of them! My entire orchard! 60,000 to be exact!

B: I believe you're pulling my leg, sir! Nobody's *that* hungry!

Discussion

1. Do you like persimmons? Do you have any fruit trees in your garden?
2. Have you ever had anything stolen? What happened?
3. If you stole 60,000 persimmons, where would you hide them?