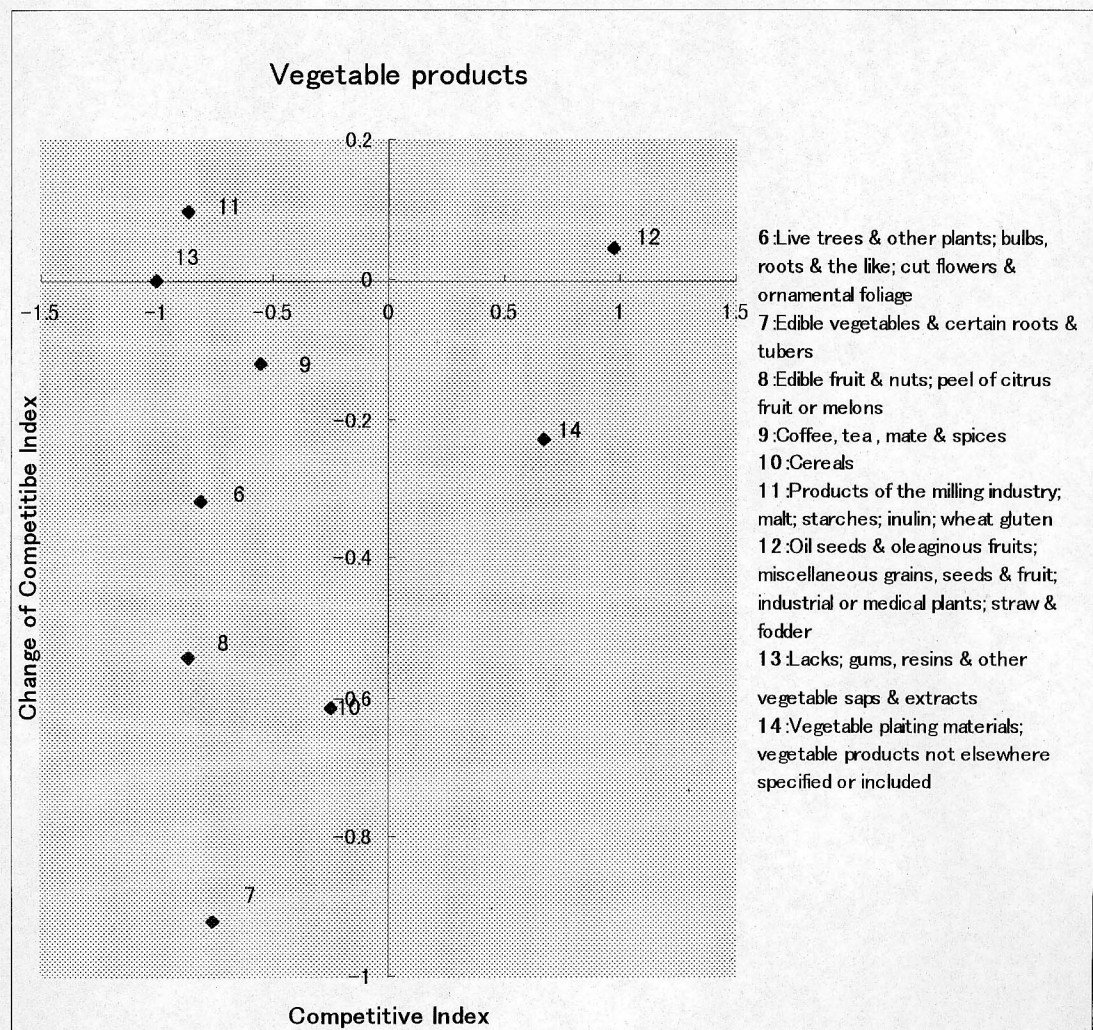


Figure 20 Vegetable Products



The Competitiveness of vegetable products is declining in general, which shows that they are losing to imported products. The sharp decline of vegetable competitiveness is due to tomato's decrease in export and its rapid increase in import. Corn has competitiveness. Wheat harvests fluctuates greatly year by year. The poor harvest in 1999 is reflected in its declining competitiveness. In the case of seeds for oil extraction, soybean is the most competitive, followed by sunflower seed and rapeseed. The export of cassava starch has increased sharply since 1997. Exports doubled imports in 1999. The unit price of starch for exporting (FOB) is \$110 per 1 ton, which is not so high. However, cassava can be easily grown. Encouraging the processing of cassava products, as a part of measures to help small farmers, should be considered.