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### **Summary of Recent Minimum Access Rice Tender Results**

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**Report Highlights:**

High prices for Japanese table rice led to Japan's full utilization of the simultaneous buy and sell quota (100,000 MT) in Japanese fiscal year 2017, and are expected to lead to continued opportunities in the coming year. This report contains complete data on Japanese rice tender results for the six most recent Japanese fiscal years (April thru March).

## General Information:

High prices for Japanese table rice led to Japan's full utilization of the simultaneous buy and sell quota (100,000 MT) in Japanese fiscal year 2017, and are expected to lead to continued opportunities in the coming year.

The [2018 Grain and Feed Annual](#) contained data on recent Japanese rice tender results. However, the final two ordinary market access<sup>[1]</sup> (OMA) tender results in JFY2016 were inadvertently not included. Accordingly, FAS/Tokyo has amended JFY2016 OMA tender volumes for the United States and Thailand to 278,000 MT and 333,558 MT, respectively, increasing the total OMA volume to 605,275 MT (see Amended Table 2 - Japanese Rice Imports below). As a result of these corrections, the share of total tender volumes for the United States and Thailand was revised to 49.3 percent, and 49.2 percent, respectively, and the grand total of JFY2016 tender volumes was increased to 678,589 MT.

**Amended Table 2 - Japanese Rice Tender Results (actual tonnage)**

		JFY2012	JFY2013	JFY2014	JFY2015	JFY2016	JFY2017
USA	SBS	40,974	20,046	3,804	19,909	56,438	58,783
	OMA	281,000	300,000	316,000	300,000	278,000	266,000
	Total	321,974	320,046	319,804	319,909	334,438	324,783
	Share	47.4%	47.1%	47.2%	47.2%	49.3%	47.8%
Thailand	SBS	4,870	11,173	5,596	6,276	6,283	5,968
	OMA	245,564	300,933	290,174	299,458	327,275	228,846
	Total	250,434	312,106	295,770	305,734	333,558	234,814
	Share	36.9%	45.9%	43.6%	45.1%	49.2%	34.6%
Australia	SBS	23,873	26,244	559	1,285	6,861	30,702
	OMA	35,000	12,000	12,000	-	-	36,000
	Total	58,873	38,244	12,559	1,285	6,861	66,702
	Share	8.7%	5.6%	1.9%	0.2%	1.0%	9.8%
China	SBS	28,164	714	780	736	2,396	2,240
	OMA	13,000	-	48,000	49,000	-	48,000
	Total	41,164	714	48,780	49,736	2,396	50,240
	Share	6.1%	0.1%	7.2%	7.3%	0.4%	7.4%
Other	SBS	2,119	2,662	867	1,109	1,336	2,307
	OMA	5,000	6,000	-	-	-	-
	Total	7,119	8,662	867	1,109	1,336	2,307
	Share	1.0%	1.3%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%
Total	SBS	100,000	60,839	11,606	29,315	73,314	100,000
	OMA	579,564	618,933	666,174	648,458	605,275	578,846
	Total	679,564	679,772	677,780	677,773	678,589	678,846

Source: MAFF

<sup>[1]</sup> For additional detail on the OMA and Simultaneous Buy and Sell tendering systems in Japan, see the USDA/ERS March 2003 report on "[Rice Sector Policies in Japan](#)."