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**Report Highlights:**

The U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement (USJTA) entered into force on January 1, 2020. Once USJTA is fully implemented, nearly 90 percent of U.S. food and agricultural products imported into Japan will be duty free or receive preferential tariff access. This is one in a series of reports providing concise overviews of how the agreement affects certain product groups. Please note that the information provided is not fully comprehensive and additional details may be found in the agreement text itself. Additional information is available at [www.usdajapan.org/usjta](http://www.usdajapan.org/usjta).

**Overview:** In 2019, the United States exported \$2.1 billion of coarse grains to Japan, making Japan the #2 overseas market. The United States accounted for over 70 percent of Japan’s total imports of food grains, excluding wheat and rice. The years below correspond to Japan’s fiscal year beginning April 1.

Product Name Japan Customs HS Code	Base Rate	Year 1 (2019)	Year 2 (2020)	Year 3 (2021)	Final Tariff (Year)	2019 Imports
Barley, other than seed, excl. feed, imported by Japanese Government 100390019	Free (subject to WTO markup)	Max. import markup of 7.2 yen/kg	Max. import markup of 6.8 yen/kg	Max. import markup of 6.4 yen/kg	Max. import markup of 4.4 yen/kg (2026)	\$20,185,215
Grain sorghum, other than seed 100790090	3.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$16,748,440
Buckwheat* 100810090	9.0%	6.0%	4.5%	3.0%	Free (2023)	\$14,141,178
Maize (corn), other than seed, excl. popcorn, for purposes other than corn starch, feed and corn flakes in pooled quota 100590096	3.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$9,488,533
Rye, not seed, for feed/non-feed 100290010/100290090	4.2%	Free			Free (2019)	\$204,687
Maize (corn), seed* 100510020	9 yen/kg	Free			Free (2019)	\$0
Rye, seed* 100210020	4.2%	Free			Free (2019)	\$0
Grain sorghum, seed* 100710020	3.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$0
Quinoa (Chenopodium Quinoa) 100850200	3.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$0
Barley, seed, subject to Japanese government import quota 100310010	Free (subject to WTO markup)	Max. import markup of 7.2 yen/kg	Max. import markup of 6.8 yen/kg	Max. import markup of 6.4 yen/kg	Max. import markup of 4.4 yen/kg (2026)	n/a

\*Excluding those rendered suitable solely for sowing by chemical treatment

**Market Considerations:** Japanese imports of U.S. food barley have tripled in the last two years due to growing demand for beta-glucan rich glutinous barley in Japan. This agreement provides tariff parity with competing food barley suppliers such as Canada and Australia. Japan maintains a tariff-rate pooled quota under the World Trade Organization (WTO) for corn other than seeds, excl. popcorn, for purposes other than corn starch, feed and corn flakes, for which the United States is a dominant supplier. While tariffs on most feed grains are already duty-free, tariff elimination in this agreement provides further opportunities for U.S. corn supply to Japanese snack manufacturers. Most imported U.S. sorghum goes to feed.

**Additional Resources:** Further details are available at [www.usdajapan.org/usjta/](http://www.usdajapan.org/usjta/).

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.