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**Report Highlights:**

This is one in a series of reports providing concise overviews of how the U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement (USJTA), which entered into force on January 1, 2020, affects certain product groups. Once USJTA is fully implemented, nearly 90 percent of all U.S. food and agricultural products imported into Japan will be duty free or receive preferential tariff access. 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 2018, the United States exported \$318 million of fresh fruit to Japan, making Japan the #4 overseas market for U.S. fresh fruit. The United States accounted for 15 percent of Japan’s total fresh fruit imports. 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)	2018 Imports
Fresh or dried oranges 080510000	Imported Dec 1 - Mar 31	32.0%	25.6%	25.6%	20.4%	Free (2025)	\$72,315,437
	Imported Apr 1 – May 31	32.0%	21.3%	16.0%	10.6%	Free (2023)	
	Imported Jun 1 – Nov 30	16.0%	10.6%	8.0%	5.3%		
Fresh cherries (excl. sour cherries) 080929000		8.5%	3.4%	2.5%	1.7%	Free (2023)	\$33,694,640
Fresh raspberries, blackberries, mulberries, loganberries, currants and gooseberries 081020000, 081030000		6.0%	Free (2019)			Free (2019)	\$10,957,558
Fresh kiwi 081050000		6.4%	Free (2019)			Free (2019)	\$6,455,749
Fresh cranberries, bilberries and other fruits of the genus Vaccinium 081040000		6.0%	Free (2019)			Free (2019)	\$6,128,105
Fresh papayas 080720000		2.0%	Free (2019)			Free (2019)	\$1,575,035
Fresh peaches, including nectarines 080930000		6.0%	Free (2019)			Free (2019)	\$1,514,209
Fresh apples 080810000		17.0%	11.4%	10.2%	8.9%	Free (2028)	\$705,530
Fresh mangoes 080450011		3.0%	Free (2019)			Free (2019)	\$43,413
Fresh persimmons 081070000		6.0%	Free (2019)			Free (2019)	\$36,415
Fresh figs 080420010		6.0%	4.0%	3.0%	2.0%	Free (2023)	\$31,421
Fresh rambutan, passion fruit, litchi and starfruit 081090210		5.0%	Free (2019)			Free (2019)	\$25,317
“Other” fresh fruit 081090290		6.0%	Free (2019)			Free (2019)	\$1,327,529

**Safeguard:** Japan will apply a seasonal U.S.-specific safeguard for oranges starting at 26,435 metric tons. The safeguard only applies to products imported between December 1 and March 31. If the safeguard volume is exceeded, tariffs on U.S. orange exports will increase for the remainder of that period. The safeguard tariff is 28% in Years 1-3 and 20% in Years 4-6. The safeguard will be eliminated in Year 7 (2025).

**Market Considerations:** Japan imports one-third of its fresh fruit, with the United States ranked as the second largest supplier (leading supplier of fresh oranges, lemons, grapes and cherries). The Japanese fresh fruit sector is highly competitive. Opportunities for U.S. fresh fruit exports to Japan are expected to increase due to falling domestic production. Phytosanitary certificates must accompany all fresh fruit imports to Japan. Some fresh fruit varieties do not currently have market access to Japan due to phytosanitary requirements. Please contact USDA for more information.

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

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.