

U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement

Nuts

Overview: In 2023, the United States exported \$358 million of nuts to Japan, making Japan the #10 overseas market for U.S. nuts. Almonds and walnuts are Japan's top nut imports from the United States. U.S. nut imports accounted for over 40 percent of Japan's total nut and nut product imports in 2023. The years below correspond to Japan's fiscal year beginning April 1.

Product Name Japan Customs HS Code	Base Rate	Year 6 (2024)	Year 7 (2025)	Year 8 (2026)	Final Tariff (Year)	2023 Imports from U.S.
Almonds (fresh or dried/roasted, no sugar) 080211200, 080212200/200819222	2.4%/5.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$201,979,087
Walnuts (shelled, fresh or dried) 080232000	10.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$75,737,962
Peanuts (shelled, other than seed) 120242091	10.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$23,293,003
Flour, meal and powder of fruit and nuts (excl. bananas) 110630200	15.0%	Free			Free (2023)	\$6,288,056
Peanut butter (contain sugar/no sugar) 200811110/200811210	12.0%/10.0%	Free			Free (2023)	\$6,188,908
Ground nuts (excl. peanut butter, prep./preserved, contains sugar) 200811120	23.8%	Free			Free (2023)	\$2,341,713
Other nuts (roasted, no sugar) 200819228	5.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$1,963,446
Cashew nuts (prep. or preserved, contain sugar) and other roasted nuts (contain sugar) 200819191, 200819192	11.0%	Free			Free (2023)	\$1,339,773
Macadamia nuts (fresh/dried, prep./preserved, no sugar) 080262000, 200819221	5.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$908,497
Coconuts, brazil nuts, paradise nuts and hazelnuts (prepared or preserved, no sugar) 200819224	10.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$382,577
Hazelnuts or filberts (shelled, fresh or dried) 080222000	6.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$168,763
Preserved nuts (contain sugar) 200819199	16.8%	Free			Free (2023)	\$69,383
Ground nuts (shelled, roasted/prepared or preserved), no sugar 200811292/200811299	21.3%	2.6%	Free		Free (2025)	\$38,054
Other nuts (prepared or preserved, no sugar) 200819229	12.0%	Free			Free (2023)	\$19,175
Cashew nuts (prepared or preserved, no sugar) 200819225	10.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$0
Pecans (fresh or dried/roasted, no sugar) 080290300, 200819223	4.5%/5.0%	Free			Free (2019)	\$0

Market Considerations: Japan relies on imports for most of its nut consumption. Almonds and walnuts are supplied almost exclusively by the United States. Salted mixed nuts remain a popular snack item in the retail sector while unsalted nuts are gaining in popularity due to perceived health benefits. The United States is the second largest supplier of peanuts to Japan, after China. Under this agreement, U.S shelled peanuts gained an immediate tariff advantage over Chinese peanuts (HS 1202.42.091).

Additional Resources: Further information is available at www.usdajapan.org. For additional questions, please contact the USDA Agricultural Trade Office at atotokyo@usda.gov, Tel: 81-3-3224-5115.