

U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement

Coarse Grains



Overview: In 2025, the United States exported \$3.4 billion of coarse grains to Japan, making Japan the #2 overseas market. The years below correspond to Japan's fiscal year beginning April 1.

| Product Name Japan Customs HS Code | Base Rate | Year 8 (2026) | Year 9 (2027) | Year 10 (2028) | Final Tariff (Year) | 2025 Imports from U.S. |
|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--|------------------------------|
| 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) | \$32,201,950 |
| Buckwheat* 100810090 | 9.0% | | Free | | Free (2023) | \$11,876,540 |
| Grain sorghum, other than seed 100790090 | 3.0% | | Free | | Free (2019) | \$13,777,844 |
| Barley, other than seed, excl. feed, imported by Japanese Government 100390019 | Free (subject to WTO markup) | Max. import markup of 4.4 yen/kg | | | Max. import markup of 4.4 yen/kg (2026) | \$8,140,852 |
| Maize (corn), seed* 100510020 | 9 yen/kg | | Free | | Free (2019) | \$2,527 |
| Rye, seed* 100210020 | 4.2% | | Free | | Free (2019) | \$0 |
| Rye, not seed, for feed/non-feed 100290010/100290090 | 4.2% | | Free | | Free (2019) | \$3,163 |
| Quinoa (Chenopodium Quinoa) 100850200 | 3.0% | | Free | | Free (2019) | \$0 |
| Grain sorghum, seed* 100710020 | 3.0% | | Free | | Free (2019) | \$0 |
| Barley, seed, subject to Japanese government import quota 100310010 | Free (subject to WTO markup) | Max. import markup of 4.4 yen/kg | | | Max. import markup of 4.4 yen/kg (2026) | \$0 |

*Excluding those rendered suitable solely for sowing by chemical treatment

Market Considerations: 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 certain corn products 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 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.