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## Japan

### Grain and Feed

# U.S. Rice Captures 52% Share of Fourth OMA Rice Tender 2000

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**Report Highlights:** On December 1, the Food Agency (FA) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) conducted the fourth Ordinary Minimum Access (OMA) rice tender for Japanese Fiscal Year 2000 (April 2000 - March 2001). Of the total 115,000 metric tons (MT) of contracted foreign rice, U.S. rice accounted for 60,000 MT or 52.2%.

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Of the total 115,000 metric tons (MT) of contracted foreign rice, U.S. rice accounted for 60,000 MT (52.2 percent), Thai rice totaled 25,000 MT (21.7 percent), Australian rice totaled 20,000 MT (17.4 percent), and China totaled 10,000 MT (8.7%). The weighted average of the successful bid price was 31,400 yen (about \$283) per metric ton. Below are summaries of the first through the fourth OMA rice tenders.

**Results of First - Fourth FY2000 Ordinary Rice Tenders**  
(Metric Ton)

Country	Type	Quantity			
		First (6/13/00)	Second (10/6/00)	Third (11/2/00)	Fourth (12/1/00)
United States	California Medium Grain (Brown)	0	36,000	24,000	24,000
	California Medium Grain (Milled)	0	20,800	30,400	31,200
	Broken Rice (Milled)	0	3,200	5,600	4,800
	TOTAL	0	60,000	60,000	60,000
Australia	Medium Grain (Brown)	0	2,000	0	5,000
	Medium Grain (Milled)	0	15,660	8,700	13,050
	Broken Rice (Milled)	0	2,340	1,300	1,950
	TOTAL	0	20,000	10,000	20,000
Thailand	Long Grain (Milled)	1,900	24,800	20,000	15,000
	Broken Rice (Milled)	2,700	8,200	0	5,000
	Broken Rice (Glu., Milled)	400	2,000	0	5,000
	TOTAL	5,000	35,000	20,000	25,000
China	Long Grain (Milled)	0	0	10,000	10,000
	GRAND TOTAL	5,000	115,000	100,000	115,000
	WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE, YEN AND (\$) PER MT	n.a.	34,793 (\$325)	33,283 (\$308)	31,400 (\$283)