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**Report Name:** Farmers Eligible for COVID-19 Cash Allowance

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**Report Highlights:**

Japan's farmers, foresters, and fishermen are eligible for cash allowances from Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry to help sustain businesses affected by COVID-19 related losses. Corporations are eligible for a maximum allowance of two million yen (\$18,692) and individual business entities are eligible for a maximum allowance of one million yen (\$9,345).

## General Information

The Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry (METI) received two trillion 317.6 billion yen (US\$21.66 billion) to fund cash allowances to help sustain businesses affected COVID-19 related losses. METI will start accepting applications for cash allowances on May 1, after funding from the JFY2020 emergency supplementary budget becomes available. Farmers are eligible to receive these cash allowances.

Small and medium-sized business entities<sup>1</sup> whose sales revenue decreased by at least 50 percent in any one month in 2020 are eligible to receive cash payments. Corporations are eligible for a maximum allowance of two million yen (\$18,692) and individual business entities are eligible for a maximum allowance of one million yen (\$9,3456).<sup>2</sup> The allowance will be calculated as follows:

Cash Allowance = total sales revenue in 2019 – (Sales revenue of a month when the revenue dropped at least 50 percent x 12)

Businesses with sales revenue that fluctuates seasonally are eligible for the allowance if sales revenue for three consecutive months, from February to October 2020, decreased at least 50 percent compared to the same period in 2019. The sales revenue during the three-month period in 2019 must account for at least 50 percent of the total 2019 sales revenue. The cash allowance will be calculated as follows:

Cash Allowance = Sales revenue of the three consecutive months of 2019 - Sales revenue of the same three months of 2020 where losses equaled 50 percent or more

The funding for the cash allowances is part of Japan's COVID-19 Emergency Economic Package ([JA2020-0085](#)).

## Attachments:

No Attachments.

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<sup>1</sup> Small and medium-sized business entities are defined as corporations with a capital of 100 million yen (\$935,000)<sup>1</sup> or less, or with up to 1,000 employees, and individual business entities with up to 1,000 employees.

<sup>2</sup> Exchange Rate - \$1=107 yen