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Results of the 6th Ordinary Minimum Access Rice Tender

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Report Highlights:

On January 21st, the Food Agency of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) conducted its sixth and the final Ordinary Minimum Access rice tender. A total of 96,100 metric tons of foreign rice was contracted with the United States accounting for 44,000 metric tons, or 45.8 percent of the total. This tender concludes all required minimum access tenders for Japan Fiscal Year 1999 (April 1999 - March 2000). Total U.S. market share for JFY 1999 amounted to 47.9 percent (312,826 metric tons) for the total minimum access volume of 653,100 metric tons.

Executive Summary

On January 21st, the Food Agency of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries conducted its sixth and the final Ordinary Minimum Access (OMA) rice tender for the Japanese Fiscal Year 1999 (April 1999 - March 2000). A total of 96,100 tons of foreign rice was contracted with the United States accounting for 44,000 metric tons, or 45.8 percent. Also contracted was rice from Thailand - 23,200 tons (24.1 percent), Australia - 20,000 tons (20.8 percent), and China - 8,900 tons (9.3 percent). The weighted average of the successful bid price was 40,103 yen per metric ton. Additional details for the sixth OMA tender are provided below:

Results of Sixth Ordinary Rice Tender
(Metric Ton)

Country	Type	Quantity
United States	California Medium Grain (Brown)	20,000
	California Medium Grain (Milled)	19,700
	Broken Rice (Milled)	4,300
	TOTAL	44,000
Australia	Medium Grain (Milled)	17,400
	Broken Rice (Milled)	2,600
	TOTAL	20,000
Thailand	Long Grain (Milled)	13,200
	Broken Rice (Milled)	5,000
	Broken Rice (Glu., Milled)	5,000
	TOTAL	23,200
China	Long Grain (Milled)	8,900
	GRAND TOTAL	96,100

Results of Japan's Minimum Access Rice Tenders JFY 1995 - 1999

Total U.S. market share for JFY 1999 amounted to 47.9 percent (312,826 metric tons) for the total minimum access volume of 653,100 metric tons. The following table provides the results of Japan's minimum access rice tenders for Japan Fiscal Years 1995 through 1999.

**Results of Japan's Minimum Access Rice Tenders
JFY 1995 - 1999
(Actual Tonnage)**

	U.S.	Thailand	Australia	China	Others	Total
JFY 1999						
SBS (Share, %)	36,826 (30.7)	3,753 (3.1)	14,587 (12.2)	62,611 (52.2)	2,223 (1.9)	120,000 (100.0)
OMA (Share, %)	276,000 (51.8)	138,200 (25.9)	90,000 (16.9)	13,900 (2.6)	15,000 (2.8)	533,100 (100.0)
Total (Share, %)	312,826 (47.9)	141,953 (21.7)	104,587 (16.0)	76,511 (11.7)	17,223 (2.6)	653,100 (100.0)
JFY 1998						
SBS (Share, %)	36,498 (30.4)	5,297 (4.4)	14,538 (12.1)	61,965 (51.6)	1,702 (1.4)	120,000 (100.0)
OMA (Share, %)	265,400 (51.8)	130,000 (25.4)	87,000 (17.0)	10,000 (2.0)	20,000 (3.9)	512,400 (100.0)
Total (Share, %)	301,898 (47.7)	135,297 (21.4)	101,538 (16.1)	71,965 (11.4)	21,702 (3.4)	632,400 (100.0)
JFY 1997						
SBS (Share, %)	34,657 (62.9)	911 (1.7)	3,159 (5.7)	13,882 (25.2)	2,532 (4.6)	55,141 (100.0)
OMA (Share, %)	237,900 (48.6)	133,900 (27.4)	82,400 (16.8)	30,000 (6.1)	5,000 (1.0)	489,200 (100.0)
Total (Share, %)	272,557 (50.1)	134,811 (24.8)	85,559 (15.7)	43,882 (8.1)	7,532 (1.4)	544,341 (100.0)
JFY 1996						
SBS (Share, %)	14,134 (64.2)	360 (1.6)	1,173 (5.3)	5,113 (23.2)	1,220 (5.5)	22,000 (100.0)
OMA (Share, %)	201,000 (45.3)	127,650 (28.8)	80,000 (18.0)	35,000 (7.9)	0 (0.0)	443,650 (100.0)

Total (Share, %)	215,134 (46.2)	128,010 (27.5)	81,173 (17.4)	40,113 (8.6)	1,220 (0.3)	465,650 (100.0)
JFY 1995						
SBS (Share, %)	5,715 (53.4)	246 (2.3)	1,935 (18.1)	2,390 (22.3)	408 (3.8)	10,694 (100.0)
OMA (Share, %)	188,000 (47.2)	95,100 (23.9)	85,000 (21.4)	30,000 (7.5)	0 (0.0)	398,100 (100.0)
Total (Share, %)	193,715 (47.4)	95,346 (23.3)	86,935 (21.3)	32,390 (7.9)	408 (0.1)	408,794 (100.0)