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Report Highlights:

This is one in a series of reports providing concise overviews of how the U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement (USJTA), which entered into force on January 1, 2020, affects certain product groups. Once USJTA is fully implemented, nearly 90 percent of all U.S. food and agricultural products imported into Japan will be duty free or receive preferential tariff access. Please note that the information provided is not fully comprehensive and additional details may be found in the agreement text itself. Additional information is available at www.usdajapan.org/usjta.

Overview: In 2018, the United States exported \$793 million of wheat and wheat products to Japan, making Japan the #2 overseas market for U.S. wheat. The United States accounted over 40 percent of Japan’s total wheat imports. The years below correspond to Japan’s fiscal year beginning April 1.

Product Name Japan Customs HS Code	Base Rate	Year 1 (2019)	Year 2 (2020)	Year 3 (2021)	Final Tariff (Year)	2018 Imports	
Food Wheat 100111010, 101119010, 100191011, 100191019, 100199011, 100199019, 100860210	Group 1: Dark Northern Spring, Hard Red Winter, Western White (in CSQ and WTO quota)	Max. 45.2 yen/kg	Max. 15.3 yen/kg	Max. 14.5 yen/kg	Max. 13.6 yen/kg	Max. 9.4 yen/kg (2026)	\$719,263,459
	Group 2: All other classes of wheat (in CSQ only; imports under WTO quota subject to Group 1 rates)	Max. 45.2 yen/kg	Max. 15.1 yen/kg	Max. 14.2 yen/kg	Max. 13.2 yen/kg	Max. 8.5 yen/kg (2026)	
Pastry and cake (contain sugar/no sugar) 190590319/190590329	25.5%/21.3%	17.0%/14.2%	12.7%/10.6%	8.5%/7.1%	Free (2023)	\$32,915,417	
Spaghetti and Macaroni 190219093, 190219094	30.00 yen/kg	26.00 yen/kg	24.00 yen/kg	22.00 yen/kg	12.0 yen/kg (2026)	\$27,950,633	
Mixes, doughs and cake mixes for bakery 190120222, 190120232, 190120235, 190120243	16.0%, 23.8%, 24.0%	Immediate elimination (within CSQ)				\$8,392,752	
Biscuits, cookies, crackers (contain sugar/no sugar) 190590312 /190590322	15.0%/13.0%	10.0%/8.6%	7.5%/6.5%	5.0%/4.3%	Free (2023)	\$4,152,458	
Bread and rusks 190540000, 190590100	9.0%	6.7%	5.6%	4.5%	Free (2025)	\$2,900,083	
Other pasta (instant noodles, pasta not containing sugar)/(pasta containing sugar) 190230100, 190230210, 190230290	21.3%/23.8%	17.4%/19.4%	15.4%/17.3%	13.5%/15.1%	Free (2028)	\$1,066,912	
Stuffed pasta (not containing sugar) 190220220	21.3%	17.4%	15.4%	13.5%	Free (2028)	\$617,784	
Other pasta (uncooked) 190219099	34.00 yen/kg	29.84 yen/kg	27.77 yen/kg	25.69 yen/kg	15.3 yen/kg (2026)	\$260,504	
Chilled/frozen pizza (containing sugar) 190590313	24.0%	18.6%	16.0%	13.3%	Free (2026)	\$255,251	
Pasta, not stuffed, containing eggs 190211000	30.00 yen/kg	23.33 yen/kg	20.00 yen/kg	16.67 yen/kg	Free (2026)	\$121,398	
Crispbread/gingerbread 190510000/190520000	9.0%/18.0%	7.3%/14.7%	6.5%/13.0%	5.7%/11.4%	Free (2028)	\$9,281	
Couscous 190240000	24.00 yen/kg	19.64 yen/kg	17.45 yen/kg	15.27 yen/kg	Free (2028)	\$4,051	
Waffles and wafers 190532000	18.0%	14.0%	12.0%	10.0%	Free (2026)	\$0	

Country Specific Quotas (CSQs): Japan established a CSQ for food wheat growing from 120,000 to 150,000 MT by 2024. Japan also established a duty-free CSQ for mixes, doughs, and cake mixes growing from 10,800 to 12,000 MT by 2023.

Market Considerations: U.S. food wheat is a key ingredient in Japanese bakery and noodle production. This agreement provides tariff parity with competing food wheat suppliers such as Australia and Canada. It also gives the United States a tariff advantage over Turkey, one of the leading pasta suppliers. Pasta is the primary wheat product imported by Japan.

Additional Resources: Further details are available at www.usdajapan.org/usjta/.

Attachments:

No Attachments.