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Report Highlights:

In Japan Fiscal Year 2022, Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) awarded 677,714 metric tons of rice through the Minimum Access import system. MAFF awarded 13,742 tons of rice in the simultaneous buy and sell tenders, and the remaining 663,972 tons through ordinary market access tenders.

Background

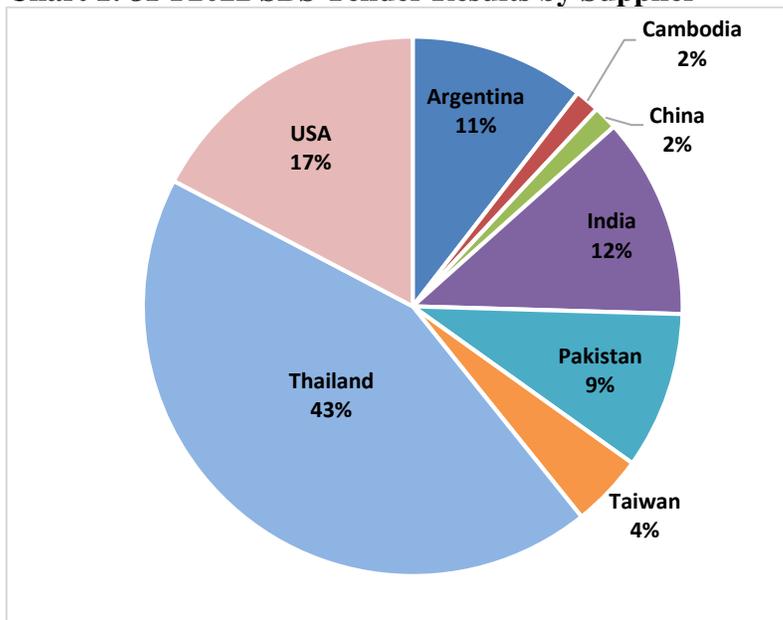
Annually, Japan’s Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) imports approximately 682,000 metric tons¹ (milled) of rice to fill its World Trade Organization tariff rate quota (TRQ), commonly referred to as the Minimum Access (MA) rice quota. MAFF imports MA rice through two types of tenders.

MAFF sets aside 100,000 tons of the WTO TRQ to import table rice through Simultaneous Buy-Sell (SBS) tenders. MAFF imports the remaining quota volume, which includes any unused volume from SBS tenders, through Ordinary Market Access (OMA) tenders. MAFF sells rice imported through OMA tenders to buyers who typically use it for processed food products or as animal feed. MAFF also exports some rice tendered through the OMA system as food aid.

JFY2022 SBS Rice Tender Results

In Japan Fiscal Year (JFY)² 2022, MAFF awarded a total of 13,742 tons of rice through SBS tenders, the third lowest volume since Japan introduced the MA tender import system in JFY1995. MAFF reallocated the remaining 86,258 tons to the OMA tenders. Through the SBS tenders in JFY2022, MAFF awarded a total of 2,378 tons of U.S. rice, 1,208 tons of whole grain and 1,170 tons of broken, the lowest volume since JFY1995. For more on the Japan rice market situation, see [JA2023-0021](#).

Chart 1: JFY2022 SBS Tender Results by Supplier

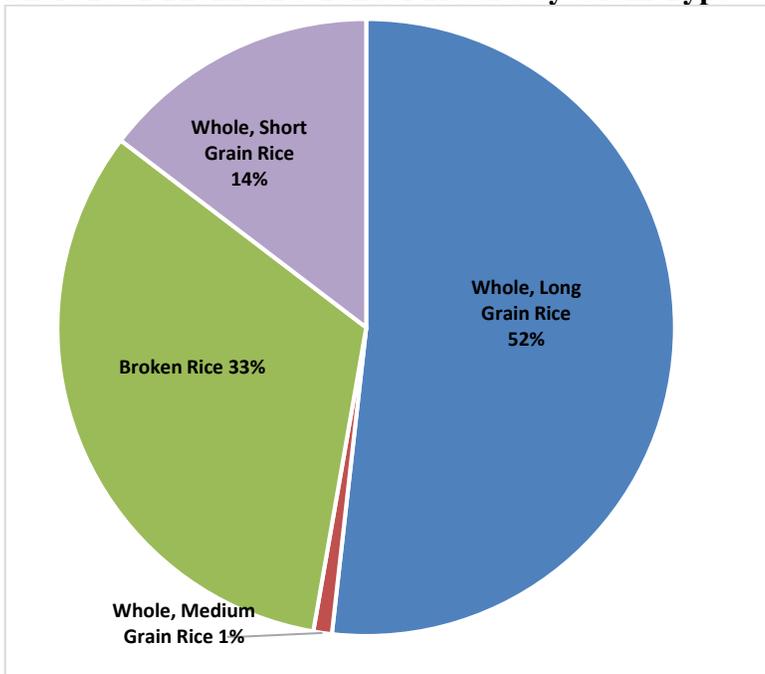


Source: MAFF

¹ This report expresses volume of rice in actual tonnage unless otherwise specified.

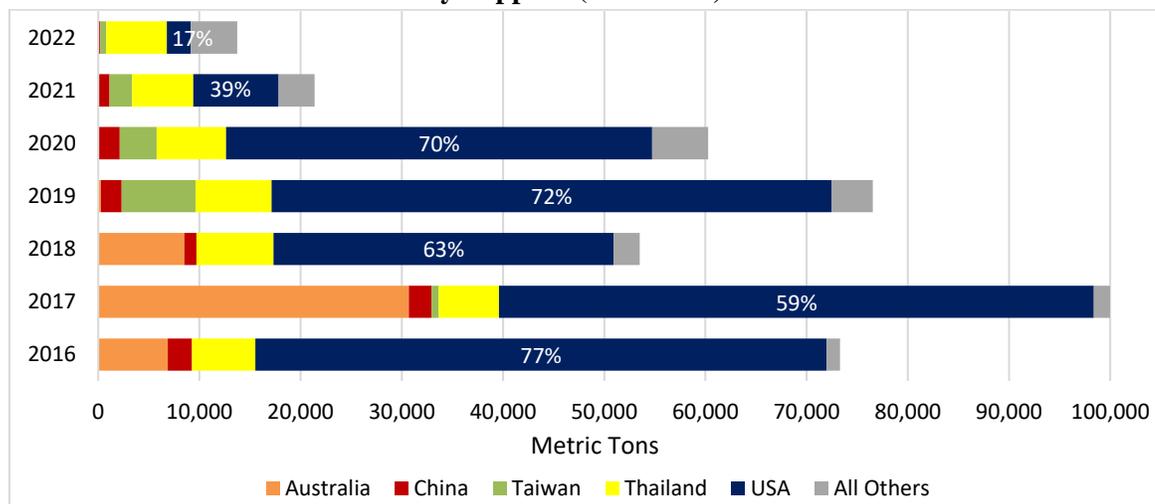
² Japan Fiscal Year (JFY) runs from April 1 to March 31.

Chart 2: JFY2022 SBS Tender Results by Grain Type



Source: MAFF

Chart 3. SBS Rice Tender Results by Supplier (2016-2022)

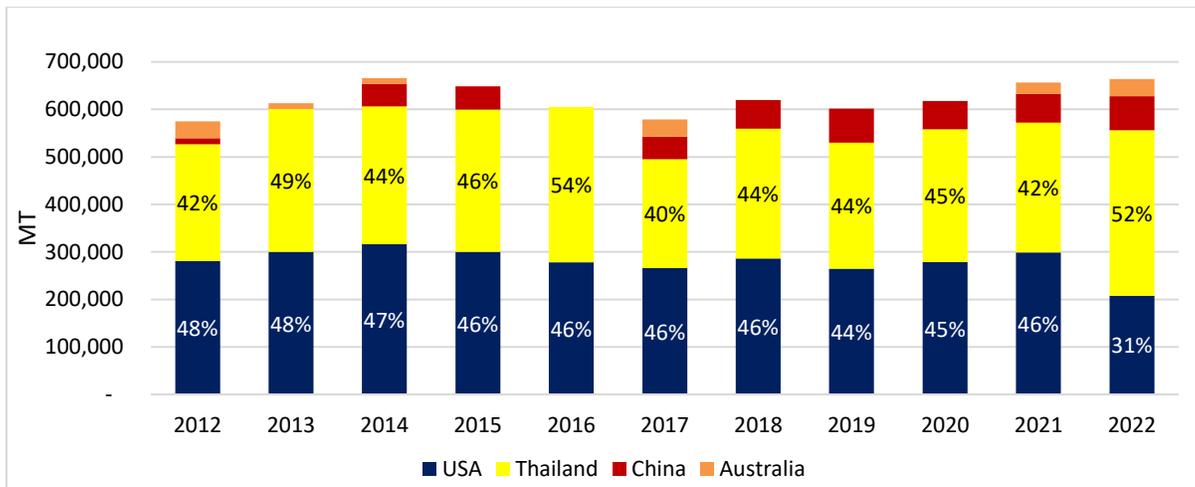


Source: MAFF

JFY2022 OMA Rice Tender Results

In JFY 2022, MAFF awarded a total of 663,972 tons in OMA rice tenders. MAFF awarded 208,000 tons of U.S. medium grain rice, accounting for 31 percent of the total OMA tendered rice, the lowest volume since JFY1996.

Chart 4. OMA Rice Tender Results (JFY2012- 2022)

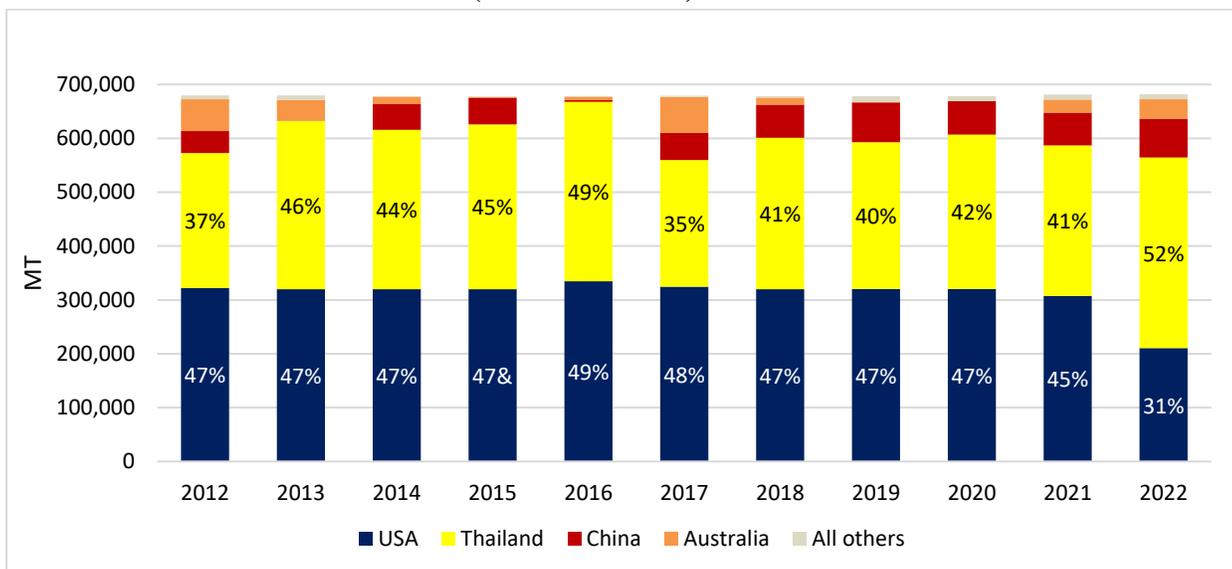


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JFY2022 MA Rice Tender Results

In JFY 2022, MAFF tendered a total of 677,714 tons through the MA rice tenders. MAFF awarded 210,378 tons, 2,378 tons of SBS and 208,000 tons of OMA, of U.S. rice in the WTO MA tenders, accounting for 31 percent of Japan’s WTO MA rice market share.

Chart 5. MA Rice Tender Results (JFY2012- 2022)



Source: MAFF

Table 1. MA Rice Tender Results (Actual Tonnage)

		JFY2012	JFY2013	JFY2014	JFY2015	JFY2016	JFY2017	JFY2018	JFY2019	JFY2020	JFY2021	JFY2022
United States	SBS	40,974	20,046	3,804	19,909	56,438	58,783	33,936	55,343	42,101	8,420	2,378
	OMA	281,000	300,000	316,000	300,000	278,000	266,000	286,000	265,000	278,500	298,800	208,000
	Total	321,974	320,046	319,804	319,909	334,438	324,783	319,936	320,343	320,601	307,220	210,378
	Share	47.4%	47.1%	47.2%	47.2%	49.3%	47.8%	47.2%	47.2%	47.3%	45.3%	31.0%
Thailand	SBS	4,870	11,173	5,596	6,276	6,283	5,968	7,614	7,521	6,874	6,054	5,971
	OMA	245,564	300,933	290,174	299,458	327,275	228,846	273,616	264,692	279,341	273,548	347,972
	Total	250,434	312,106	295,770	305,734	333,558	234,814	281,230	272,213	286,215	279,602	353,943
	Share	36.9%	45.9%	43.6%	45.1%	49.2%	34.6%	41.5%	40.1%	42.2%	41.3%	52.2%
Australia	SBS	23,873	26,244	559	1,285	6,861	30,702	13,203	260	-	-	-
	OMA	35,000	12,000	12,000	-	-	36,000	-	-	-	24,000	36,000
	Total	58,873	38,244	12,559	1,285	6,861	66,702	13,203	260	-	24,000	36,000
	Share	8.7%	5.6%	1.9%	0.2%	1.0%	9.8%	1.9%	0.0%	-	3.5%	5.3%
	CSQ							1,120	3,459	595	320	520
China	SBS	28,164	714	780	736	2,396	2,240	1,214	2,060	2,120	1,110	200
	OMA	13,000		48,000	49,000	-	48,000	60,000	72,000	60,000	60,000	72,000
	Total	41,164	714	48,780	49,736	2,396	50,240	61,214	74,060	62,120	61,110	72,200
	Share	6.1%	0.1%	7.2%	7.3%	0.4%	7.4%	9.0%	10.9%	9.2%	9.0%	10.7%
All others	SBS	2,119	2,662	867	1,109	1,336	2,307	2,577	11,359	9,178	5,802	5,193
	OMA	5,000	6,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	7,119	8,662	867	1,109	1,336	2,307	2,577	11,359	9,178	9,179	9,180
	Share	1.0%	1.3%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%	1.7%	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%
Total	SBS	100,000	60,839	11,606	29,315	73,314	100,000	58,544	76,543	60,273	21,386	13,742
	OMA	579,564	618,933	666,174	648,458	605,275	578,846	619,616	601,692	617,841	656,348	663,972
	Total	679,564	679,772	677,780	677,773	678,589	678,846	678,160	678,235	678,114	677,734	677,714
	CSQ							1,120	3,459	595	320	520

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 Table 1. corrects and updates the Annex Table 4 in the Grain and Feed Annual 2023 ([JA2023-0021](#)).

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