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PREFACE

The following tables present monthly and annual price data for the principal staple food crops of Japan for the period 1930-1948. They show the relative movements in these prices at the producer, wholesale and retail levels, and reflect the relationship between the agricultural parity index and the price of rice and between the price of rice and the prices of other staples.

The statistical series are continuous with the period prior to the establishment of price controls. The sources of the data for this period are the annual issues of Price Statistics of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry for the 1930's and the Statistical Year Book of the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry for 1940 and 1941. For the period since the establishment of price controls the data are from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

The price data are supplemented by data on bonus and special payments. These payments include bonuses for deliveries made before the normal marketing period and for deliveries equal to and in excess of assigned quotas by specified dates.

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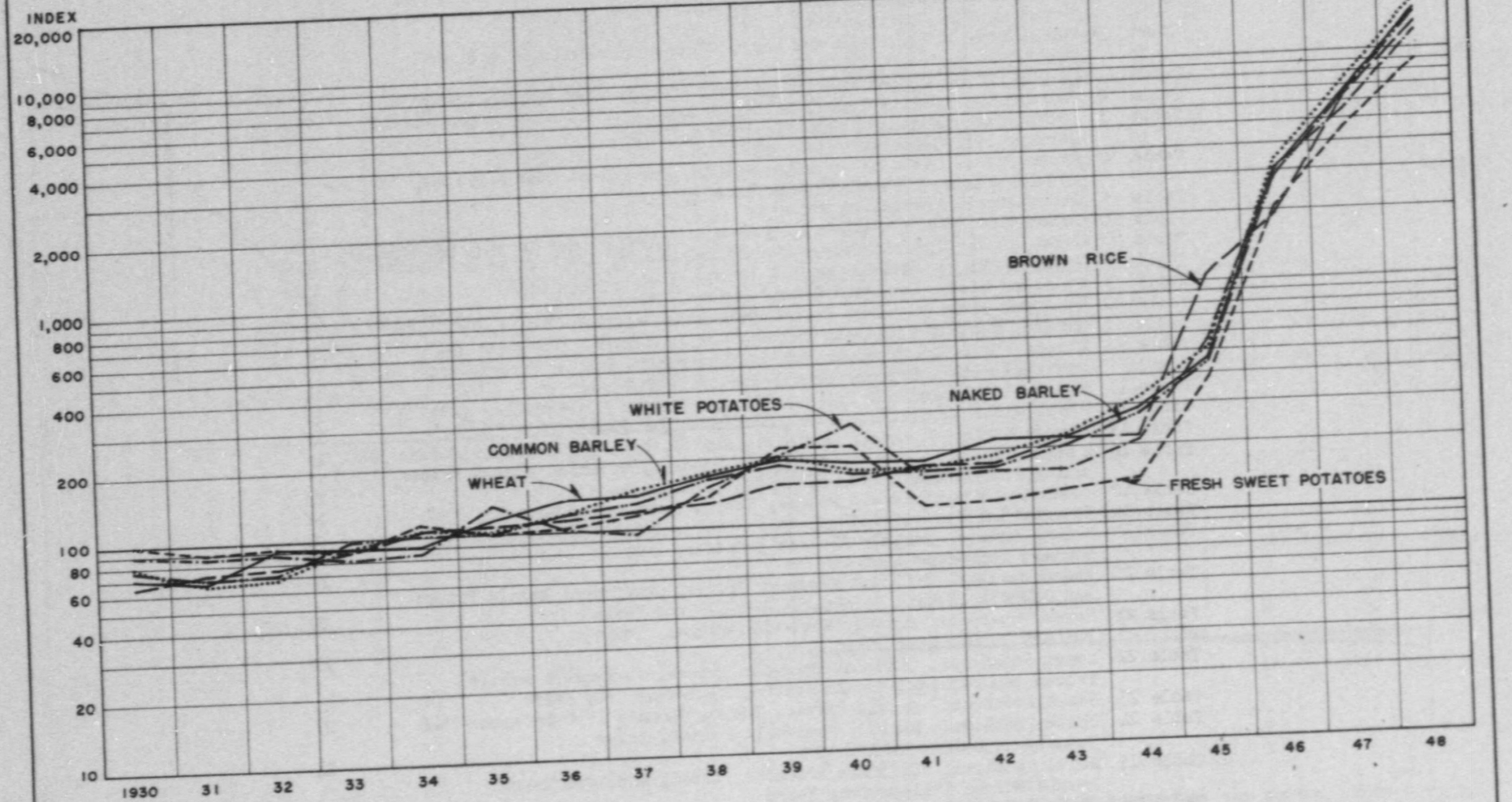
CHART 1

PRODUCER PRICE* INDEXES FOR STAPLE FOODS

CROP YEARS 1933-1935=100



* PRICES BEFORE 1940 ARE WHOLESALE PRICES AND ARE NOT STRICTLY COMPARABLE TO PRODUCER PRICES

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CHART 2

OFFICIAL† AND PARITY PRICES OF BROWN RICE

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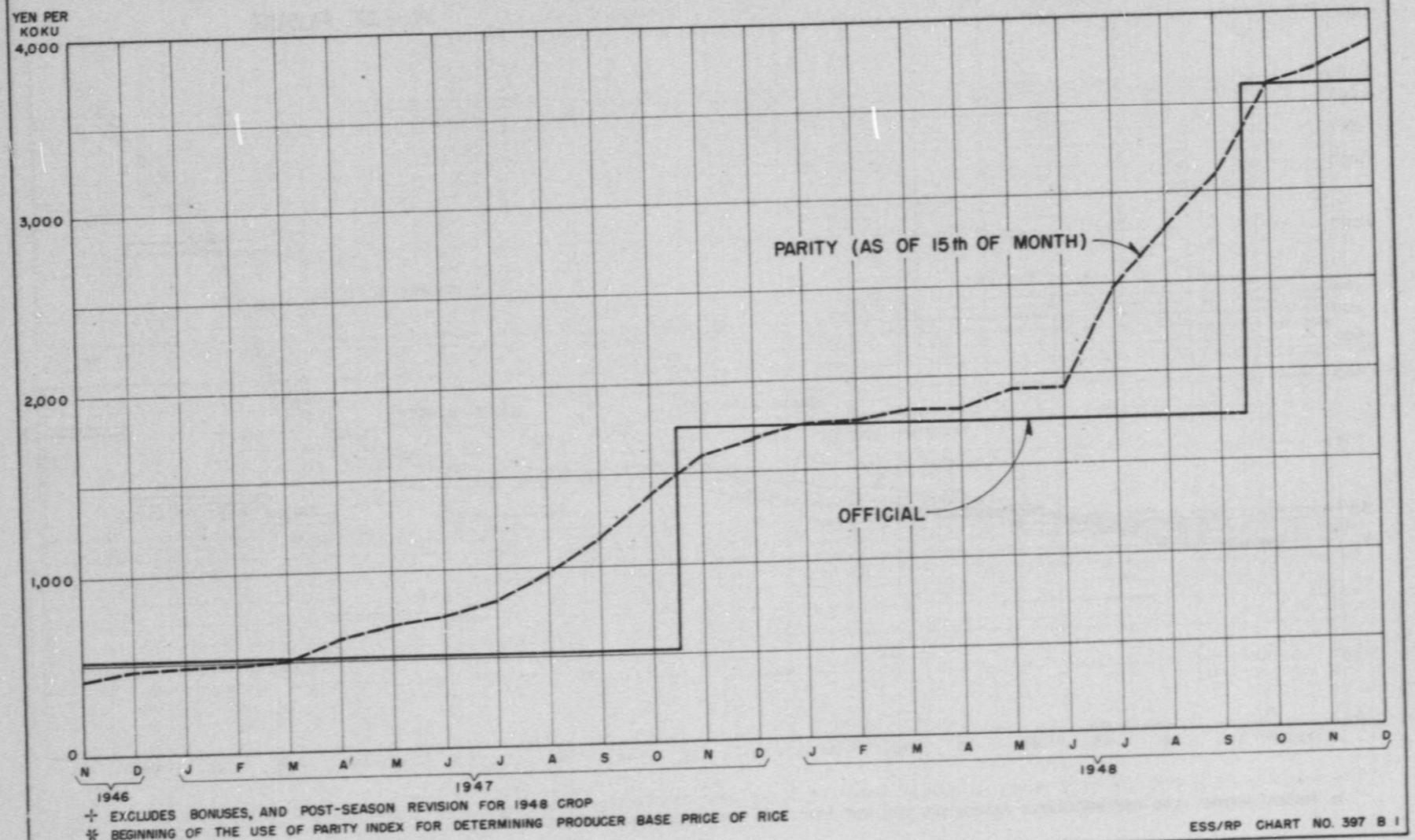

† EXCLUDES BONUSES, AND POST-SEASON REVISION FOR 1948 CROP

* BEGINNING OF THE USE OF PARITY INDEX FOR DETERMINING PRODUCER BASE PRICE OF RICE

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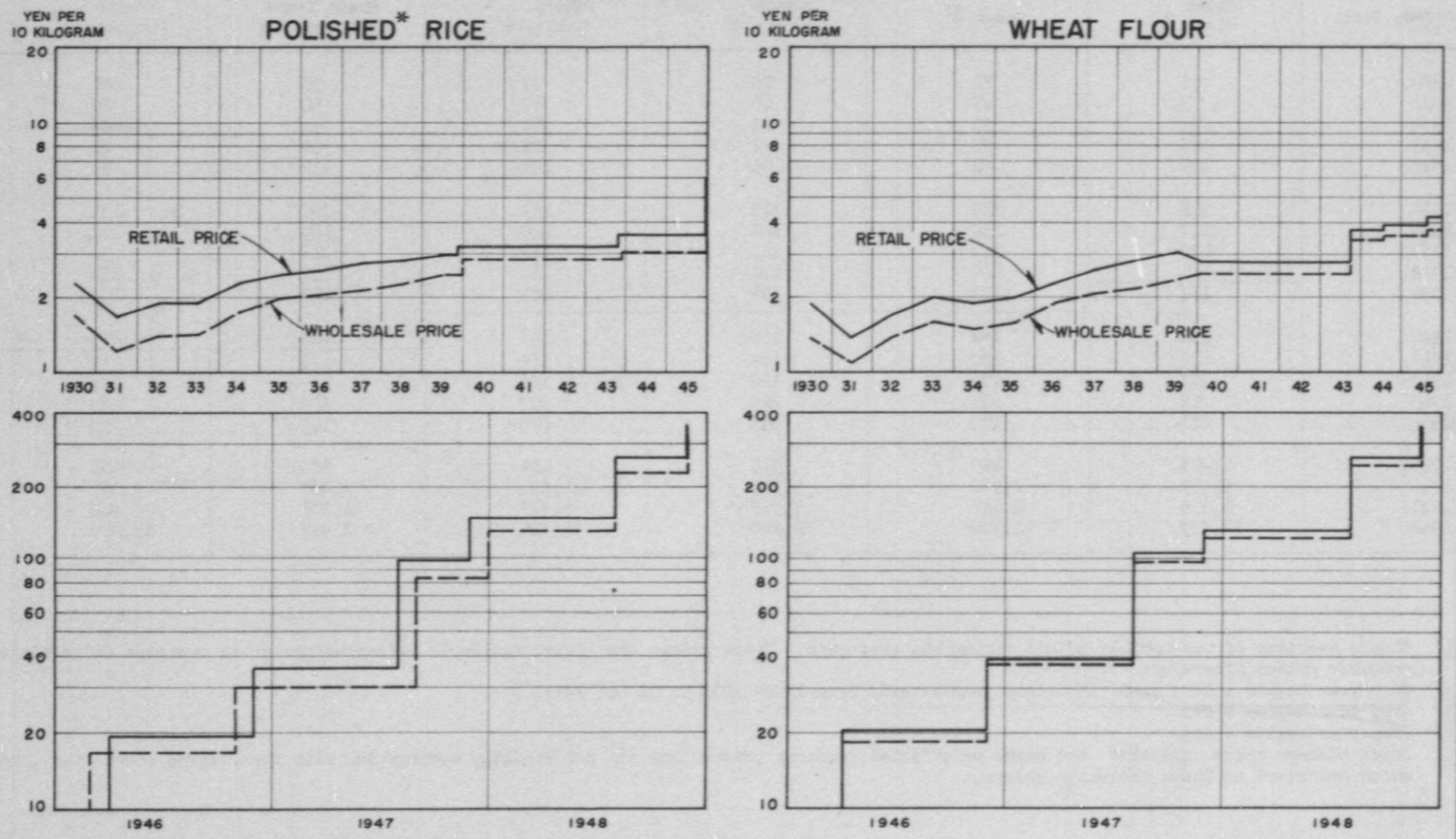
CHART 3

COMPARISON OF WHOLESALE+ AND RETAIL PRICES

TOKYO 1930-1948



+ WHOLESALE PRICES AFTER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICIAL PRICES ARE CALLED GOVERNMENT RESALE PRICES

* WHOLESALE PRICES ARE FOR BROWN RICE

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Table 1

STAPLE FOODS: INDEX NUMBERS OF CROP YEAR AVERAGE PRICES 1/, 1930-1948

Crop Years 1933-1935 = 100

Crop Year	Brown Rice 2/	Wheat 3/	Common Barley 3/	Naked Barley 3/	Fresh Sweet Potatoes 4/	White Potatoes 3/
1930	65	71	79	77	99	90
1931	73	67	66	69	90	86
1932	75	93	68	71	93	87
1933	88	92	92	98	88	81
1934	105	92	105	101	112	85
1935	108	116	103	101	100	134
1936	112	139	120	120	103	102
1937	120	142	151	132	116	96
1938	127	169	174	164	137	150
1939	151	193	199	183	222	200
1940	151	182	169	162	219	273 5/
1941	172	180	169	162	114	153
1942	172	221	188	166	119	159
1943	219	221	229	202	129	159
1944	219	289	315	273	143	210
1945	1,053	460	515	441	381	560
1946	1,932	2,980	3,345	2,854	2,057	3,057
1947	6,358	6,647	7,398	6,365	4,571	5,541
1948	12,935	14,740	16,490	14,116	8,952	11,847

1/ Simple averages of the monthly prices during the crop year. These prices are Tokyo wholesale prices before price controls and official producer prices afterwards.
2/ Crop year begins 1 Nov; thus, 1930 crop year extends from 1 Nov 1930 to 31 Oct 1931.
3/ Crop year begins 1 Jul.
4/ Crop year begins 1 Aug.
5/ Index numbers below this line are based on official producer prices and are not strictly comparable with the figures above the line, which are based on Tokyo wholesale prices.

SOURCE: Research and Programs Division, ESS. Computed from Tokyo wholesale prices in Price Statistics, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, 1930-1940 and in Statistical Year Book, Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry, 1942 and from official producer prices of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Table 2

BROWN RICE: * PARITY INDEX 1/, PARITY PRICES 2/, AND ACTUAL PRICES 3/, 1934-1948

Date	Parity Index (1934-36 = 100)	Parity Price		Actual Price		Actual Price as % of Parity Price
		Yen per Koku	Yen per 100 Kg 4/	Yen per Koku	Yen per 100 Kg 4/	
1934	94	25.53	17.02	24.64	16.42	96.5
1935	102	27.70	18.46	28.02	18.68	101.2
1936	103	27.97	18.64	28.83	19.22	103.1
1937	111	30.15	20.10	30.49	20.32	101.1
1938	127	34.49	22.99	32.22	21.48	93.4
1939	147	39.93	26.62	35.03	23.35	87.7
1940	151	41.01	27.34	42.30	28.21	103.1
1941	157	42.64	28.42	42.08	28.06	98.7
1942	162	44.00	29.33	48.08	32.06	109.3
1943	174	47.26	31.50	47.70	31.80	100.9
1944	197	53.51	35.67	61.20	40.80	114.4
1945	269	73.06	48.70	59.15	39.44	81.0
1946 Jan 15	538	146.12	97.41	296.65	197.76	203.0
Feb 15	595	161.60	107.73	289.75	193.16	179.3
Mar 15	687	186.59	124.39	289.75	193.16	155.3
Apr 15	1,026	278.66	185.77	289.75	193.16	104.0
May 15	1,153	313.15	208.76	289.75	193.16	92.5
Jun 15	1,231	334.34	222.89	289.75	193.16	86.7
Jul 15	1,388	376.98	251.32	289.75	193.16	76.9
Aug 15	1,479	401.70	267.80	289.75	193.16	72.1
Sep 15	1,549	420.71	280.47	289.75	193.16	68.9
Oct 15	1,551	421.25	280.83	271.20	180.80	64.4
Nov 15	1,548	420.44	280.29	521.20 5/	347.47	124.0
Dec 15	1,732	470.41	313.60	521.20	347.47	110.8
1947 Jan 15	1,799	488.61	325.74	521.20	347.47	106.7
Feb 15	1,803	489.69	326.46	521.20	347.47	106.4
Mar 15	1,882	511.15	340.76	521.20	347.47	102.0
Apr 15	2,330	632.83	421.88	521.20	347.47	82.4
May 15	2,571	698.28	465.52	521.20	347.47	78.8
Jun 15	2,749	746.63	497.75	521.20	347.47	73.7
Jul 15	3,035	824.31	549.54	521.20	347.47	66.7
Aug 15	3,616	982.11	654.74	521.20	347.47	56.0
Sep 15	4,287	1,164.35	776.23	521.20	347.47	47.2
Oct 1	4,654	1,264.03	842.68	521.20	347.47	43.5
15	5,136	1,394.94	929.96	521.20	347.47	39.4
Nov 1	5,897	1,601.63	1,067.75	1,756.00 6/	1,170.67	109.6
15	5,897	1,601.63	1,067.75	1,756.00	1,170.67	109.6
Dec 1	6,215	1,687.99	1,125.32	1,756.00	1,170.67	104.0
15	6,215	1,687.99	1,125.32	1,756.00	1,170.67	104.0
1948 Jan 1	6,367	1,729.28	1,152.85	1,756.00	1,170.67	101.5
15	6,493	1,763.50	1,175.66	1,756.00	1,170.67	99.6
Feb 1	6,536	1,775.18	1,183.45	1,756.00	1,170.67	98.9
15	6,534	1,774.63	1,183.08	1,756.00	1,170.67	99.0
Mar 1	6,534	1,774.63	1,183.08	1,756.00	1,170.67	99.0
15	6,714	1,823.52	1,215.68	1,756.00	1,170.67	96.3

Table 2 (continued)

BROWN RICE:* PARITY INDEX 1/, PARITY PRICES 2/, AND ACTUAL PRICES 3/, 1934-1948

Date		Parity Index (1934-36 = 100)	Parity Price		Actual Price		Actual Price as % of Parity Price
			Yen per Koku	Yen per 100 Kg 4/	Yen per Koku	Yen per 100 Kg 4/	
1948	Apr 1	6,704	1,820.81	1,213.87	1,756.00	1,170.67	96.4
	15	6,704	1,820.81	1,213.87	1,756.00	1,170.67	96.4
	May 1	7,041	1,912.34	1,274.69	1,756.00	1,170.67	91.8
	15	7,097	1,927.55	1,285.03	1,756.00	1,170.67	91.1
	Jun 1	7,088	1,925.10	1,283.40	1,756.00	1,170.67	91.2
	15	7,111	1,931.35	1,287.56	1,756.00	1,170.67	90.9
	Jul 1	7,894	2,144.01	1,429.34	1,756.00	1,170.67	81.9
	15	9,135	2,481.07	1,654.04	1,756.00	1,170.67	70.8
	31	10,174	2,763.26	1,842.17	1,756.00	1,170.67	63.5
	Aug 1	10,287	2,793.95	1,862.63	1,756.00	1,170.67	62.9
	15	10,308	2,799.65	1,866.43	1,756.00	1,170.67	62.7
	31	10,511	2,854.79	1,903.19	1,756.00	1,170.67	61.5
	Sep 15	11,405	3,097.60	2,065.07	1,756.00	1,170.67	56.7
	30	13,229	3,593.00	2,395.33	1,756.00	1,170.67	48.9
	Oct 15	13,277	3,606.03	2,404.02	3,595.00 7/	2,396.67	99.7
	31	13,331	3,620.70	2,413.80	3,595.00	2,396.67	99.3
	Nov 15	13,625	3,700.55	2,467.03	3,595.00	2,396.67	97.1
	30	13,850	3,761.66	2,507.77	3,595.00	2,396.67	95.6
	Dec 15	14,106	3,831.19	2,554.13	3,595.00	2,396.67	93.8
	31	14,223	3,862.97	2,575.31	3,595.00	2,396.67	93.1
1949	Jan 15	14,316	3,888.23	2,592.15	3,595.00	2,396.67	92.5
	31	14,316	3,888.23	2,592.15	3,595.00	2,396.67	92.5
	Feb 15	14,316	3,888.23	2,592.15	3,595.00	2,396.67	92.5
	28	14,316	3,888.23	2,592.15	3,595.00	2,396.67	92.5

* Medium Quality

1/ The index of prices paid by farmers for goods and services used in production and family maintenance.
2/ The 1934-36 average base price (i.e. ¥27.16 per koku) multiplied by the parity index.
3/ Excluding straw bags. They, therefore, differ from the prices shown in other tables by the cost of straw bags. The prices of straw bags were as follows: yen per koku: 1934 - .27, 1935 - .31, 1936 - .32, 1937 - .40, 1938 - .45, 1939 - .56, 1940 - .70, 1941 - .92, 1943 - 1.30, 1945 - 3.35, Feb 1946 - 10.25, Oct 1946 - 28.80, Nov 1947 - 54.00, Oct 1948 - 92.50. The prices include production bonuses but exclude early-delivery and quota bonuses. From 1934 to 1939 inclusive the prices are estimated by adjusting Tokyo calendar year wholesale prices by 5 percent as the margin between farm and wholesale levels. From 1940 to 1948 inclusive the prices are for crop years beginning around 1 Nov of the year stated.
4/ Converted at 150 kilograms per koku.
5/ The price for the 1946 crop year was based on the parity index in the summer of 1946. The 1946 index has since been revised.
6/ The price for the 1947 crop year was based on the parity index for Nov 1947 as it was anticipated in Aug 1947 and was adjusted to include the post-season revision based on the average level of the parity index during the period 1 Aug 1947 to 31 Jul 1948.
7/ Provisional. Based on parity index in Sep 1948, to be revised in Jul 1949 on basis of average parity index during the period 31 Jul 1948 through Jun 1949.

SOURCE: Parity Index and Parity Prices: Research and Programs Division, ESS. Actual Prices: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Table 3

BROWN RICE*: MONTHLY WHOLESALE PRICES 1/, TOKYO, JANUARY 1930-DECEMBER 1939 2/

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Calendar Year 3/	Crop Year 3/ 4/
							Yen per Koku							
1930	27.42	27.61	27.36	27.10	27.31	27.58	29.47	30.94	29.28	19.84	18.23	18.55	25.89	18.63
1931	17.98	17.85	18.12	18.40	18.43	18.47	20.07	20.71	19.11	17.64	17.54	18.71	18.59	20.71
1932	21.65	22.51	22.49	21.86	21.85	21.64	21.18	20.45	19.98	18.69	19.55	22.84	21.22	21.46
1933	23.39	22.48	21.68	21.43	21.58	21.73	20.63	20.74	20.66	20.79	21.23	22.18	21.54	24.91
1934	22.62	23.02	23.11	23.84	24.82	25.26	26.04	27.74	28.77	30.30	29.97	29.19	26.22	29.80
1935	29.06	29.68	29.73	29.23	29.14	28.92	29.75	30.30	31.47	31.22	30.30	29.01	29.82	30.69
1936	29.67	29.80	30.01	30.45	30.03	31.96	31.81	32.41	31.96	29.91	29.81	29.51	30.69	31.86
1937	30.24	31.06	31.59	32.59	32.89	32.70	33.01	32.54	33.02	33.36	33.78	33.46	32.52	34.14
1938	33.23	33.39	34.03	34.02	34.14	34.24	34.62	34.85	35.20	34.74	34.91	35.32	34.39	36.13
1939	35.21	35.36	35.49	35.45	35.45	35.86	36.66	37.79	37.82	38.20	42.45	43.30	37.42	-
							Yen per 100 Kilograms 5/							
1930	18.28	18.41	18.24	18.06	18.20	18.38	19.64	20.62	19.52	13.22	12.15	12.36	17.26	12.42
1931	11.98	11.90	12.08	12.26	12.28	12.31	13.38	13.80	12.74	11.76	11.69	12.47	12.39	13.80
1932	14.43	15.00	14.99	14.57	14.56	14.42	14.12	13.63	13.32	12.46	13.03	15.22	14.14	14.31
1933	15.59	14.98	14.45	14.28	14.38	14.48	13.75	13.82	13.77	13.86	14.15	14.78	14.36	16.61
1934	15.08	15.34	15.40	15.89	16.54	16.84	17.36	18.49	19.18	20.20	19.98	19.46	17.48	19.87
1935	19.37	19.78	19.82	19.48	19.42	19.28	19.83	20.20	20.98	20.81	20.20	19.34	19.88	20.46
1936	19.78	19.86	20.00	20.30	20.68	21.30	21.20	21.60	21.30	19.94	19.87	19.67	20.46	21.24
1937	20.16	20.70	21.06	21.72	21.93	21.80	22.00	21.68	22.01	22.24	22.52	22.30	21.68	22.76
1938	22.15	22.26	22.26	22.68	22.76	22.82	23.08	23.23	23.46	23.16	23.27	23.54	22.92	24.09
1939	23.47	23.57	23.66	23.63	23.63	23.90	24.44	25.19	25.21	25.46	28.30	28.86	24.95	-

* Medium Quality.

1/ Simple average of daily quotations of prices received by wholesalers in Tokyo.
2/ For the period prior to price controls.
3/ Simple average of monthly figures.
4/ Crop year begins in Nov. Thus, 1930 crop year extends from Nov 1930 through Oct 1931.
5/ Converted at 150.00 kilograms per koku.

SOURCE: Price Statistics, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Tokyo, 1931-1940.

Table 4

BROWN RICE*: OFFICIAL PRODUCER PRICES[1], GOVERNMENT RESALE PRICES[2], AND SUBSIDIES[3], 1939-1948 CROP YEARS

Date of Announcement of Producer Price	Date Government Resale Price Effective	Prices in Yen per Koku			Prices in Yen per 100 Kilograms [4]		
		Producer Price	Government Resale Price	Subsidy (1)-(2)	Producer Price	Government Resale Price	Subsidy (1)-(2)
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)
24 Dec 1939 [5]	n.a.	43.00	43.00	-	28.67	28.67	-
18 Sep 1941	18 Sep 1941	49.00	43.00	6.00	32.67	28.67	4.00
1 Jul 1942	1 Jul 1943	49.00	43.00	6.00	32.67	28.67	4.00
30 Apr 1943	2 Nov 1943	62.50	46.00	16.50	41.67	30.67	11.00
28 Apr 1944	28 Apr 1944	62.50	46.00	16.50	41.67	30.67	11.00
30 Apr 1945 [6]	30 Apr 1945	92.50 [7]	46.00	46.50	61.67 [7]	30.67	31.00
26 Nov 1945 [8]	20 Dec 1945	150.00 [7]	75.00	75.00	100.00 [7]	50.00	50.00
3 Mar 1946 [8]	28 Feb 1946	300.00 [7]	250.00	50.00	200.00 [7]	166.67	33.33
1 Nov 1946	31 Oct 1946	550.00 [9]	450.00	100.00	366.67 [9]	300.00	66.67
	12 Aug 1947		1,278.00	-		852.17	-
21 Nov 1947 [10]	22 Dec 1947	1,754.00 [10]	1,981.80	-	1,169.33 [10]	1,321.20	-
29 Aug 1948 [10]	28 Jul 1948	1,810.00 [10]	3,477.75	-	1,206.67 [10]	2,318.33	-
3 Oct 1948	1 Nov 1948	3,687.50 [11]	4,704.75	-	2,458.33 [11]	3,136.50	-

* Medium Quality.

1/ Official prices, including straw bags, paid by the Government to cultivators only for the crop year which begins in Nov. They exclude shipping charges which are paid by the Government. They include production bonuses which were paid to cultivators only. Rice which was formerly given to landlords by cultivators in payment of rent was purchased by the Government without the production bonus. These prices exclude early delivery and quota bonuses. See attached tables for all these bonuses.

2/ Prices, including straw bags, charged to Foodstuffs Control Corporation, the rationing agency.

3/ Excludes shipping costs of the government, early-delivery and quota bonuses. These figures do not apply to rice given to landlords in payment of rent, since this rice was purchased without payment of the production bonus.

4/ Converted at 150.00 kilograms per koku.

5/ For 1939 and 1940 crop years.

6/ Incentive goods program for rice instituted this year.

7/ The price of ¥ 300 was made retroactive to 1 Nov 1945. This, therefore, was the effective price and not 92.50 or 150.00

8/ Price change retroactive to 1 Nov 1945 the beginning of the crop year.

9/ The weighted average base price for all grades was ¥ 554.50 per koku. The corresponding total price was ¥ 639.82 per koku included ¥ 8.97 per koku for early delivery bonus and ¥ 76.35 per koku for full and over-quota delivery bonuses.

10/ This applies to the 1947 crop. The price of ¥ 1,810 per koku, announced in Aug 1948 was a revised price and made retroactive to Nov 1947. This revision was based on the difference between the Nov 1947 parity index and the average index during the period 1 Aug 1947 to 31 Jul 1948.

11/ Provisional. Based on parity index in Sep 1948. To be revised in Jul 1949 on basis of average parity index during the period 31 Jul 1948 through Jun 1949.

SOURCE: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Table 5

BROWN RICE*: PRODUCTION BONUSES 1/

Date of Announcement	Production Bonus	
	Yen Per Koku	Yen Per 100 Kilograms 2/
18 Sep 1941	5.00	3.33
1 Jul 1942	5.00	3.33
30 Apr 1943	15.50	10.33
28 Apr 1944	15.50	10.33
30 Apr 1945 3/	37.50	25.00
26 Nov 1945 3/	95.00	63.33
3 Mar 1946 3/	245.00	163.33

* Medium Quality.

1/ Bonuses were paid by the government to cultivators only.
2/ Converted at 150.00 kilograms per koku.
3/ The bonus of ¥ 245.00 was made retroactive to the beginning of the 1945 crop year.

SOURCE: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Table 6

BROWN RICE*: EARLY-DELIVERY BONUSES 1/

Delivered by	Yen Per Koku	Yen Per 100 Kilograms 2/
1946:		
30 Sep	100	67
5 Oct	50	33
10 Oct	50	33
15 Oct	50 3/	33 3/
20 Oct	30 4/	20 4/
25 Oct	30	20
30 Oct	30	20
5 Nov	5/	5/
10 Nov	5/	5/
1947:		
30 Sep 6/	500	333
10 Oct	450	300
20 Oct	300	200
31 Oct	200	133
1948:		
31 Sep 7/	1,000	667
10 Oct 7/	800	530
20 Oct 7/	600	400
30 Oct	400	267

* Medium Quality.

1/ Bonus added to official base price and paid for rice delivered before normal marketing period.
2/ Converted at 150 kilograms per koku.
3/ The bonus was ¥ 30 per koku for the northern prefectures.
4/ The bonus was ¥ 50 per koku for the southwest prefectures.
5/ The bonus was ¥ 30 per koku for the southwest prefectures.
6/ For the flooded prefectures this date was 5 Oct.
7/ In addition, farmers were permitted to purchase sake and cigarettes and army surplus sheets, pillow cases and blankets for making early deliveries.

SOURCE: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Table 7

BROWN RICE*: SPECIAL PRICES FOR FULL-QUOTA AND OVER-QUOTA DELIVERIES 1/

Nature of Bonus	Yen per Koku	Yen per 100 Kilograms
	1946 Crop	
1. Base prices for 80 percent of quota.	550	366.67
2. Special price for 20 percent of the full quota.	700	466.67
3. Weighted average of (1) and (2) for farmer meeting quota by 31 Mar 1947.	580	386.67
4. Special price for delivery in excess of quota if excess is 10 percent of quota and delivered by 30 Apr 1947.	850	566.67
5. Weighted average of (3) and (4) for farmer delivering 10 percent in excess of quota by 30 Apr 1948.	604.55	403.03
6. Special bonus added to special price for delivery in excess of quota if excess is 10 percent of quota and delivered by 30 Apr 1947 and if "buraku" to which farmer belongs met its quota by 30 Apr 1947.	350.00	233.33
7. Weighted average of (5) and (6) for farmer delivering 10 percent in excess of quota and belonging to "buraku" meeting quota by 30 Apr 1947.	636.36	424.24
	1947 Crop	
8. Bonus paid for entire quota if met.	50 2/	33.33 2/
	1948 Crop	
9. Special price for over-quota portion.	10,785 3/	7,190 3/

* Medium Quality

1/ Incentive goods were also provided.
2/ In addition, there was a post-season revision of ¥56 per koku (37.33 yen per 100 kilograms) resulting from the increase in the parity index above the figure used in setting the base price for rice.
3/ Excluding price of straw bags.

SOURCE: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

Table 8

POLISHED RICE*: MONTHLY RETAIL PRICES, TOKYO, 1930-1939

Sen per Kilograms 1/

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1930	24	24	24	23	24	24	25	27	26	21	18	18
1931	17	16	16	17	17	17	17	19	18	17	16	18
1932	19	20	20	19	20	19	20	19	19	17	18	19
1933	21	20	19	19	19	19	18	18	19	19	19	19
1934	19	20	20	21	21	22	22	24	24	26	26	25
1935	24	25	25	25	25	24	25	26	27	26	27	25
1936	26	26	26	26	26	27	27	27	28	25	26	25
1937	26	26	27	27	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28
1938	29	29	29	30	30	30	28	28	28	28	28	28
1939	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	30	30	33	33

* Medium Quality

1/ 100 sen = 1 yen

SOURCE: Price Statistics, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, 1931-1940.

Table 9

POLISHED RICE*: OFFICIAL RETAIL PRICES, TOKYO

Yen per 10 Kilograms

Date	Price
6 Nov 1939	3.25
30 Oct 1943	3.57
20 Dec 1945	6.00
8 Feb 1946	6.65
3 Mar 1946	19.50
1 Nov 1946	36.35
6 Jul 1947	99.70
1 Nov 1947	149.60
11 Jul 1948	266.00
1 Nov 1948	357.00

* Medium Quality

SOURCE: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

Table 10

POLISHED RICE*: AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES 1/ IN SELECTED CITIES, 1930-1948

Yen per 10 Kilograms

Year	Tokyo 1934-36 = 100 4/	Tokyo 2/	Osaka 2/	Kyoto 2/	Fukuoka 3/	Otaru 3/	Kanazawa 3/
1930	93	2.30	2.20	2.20	2.10	2.00	1.90
1931	69	1.70	1.70	1.60	1.40	1.50	1.50
1932	77	1.90	1.90	1.80	1.80	1.60	1.70
1933	77	1.90	1.90	1.80	1.80	1.70	1.70
1934	93	2.30	2.10	2.10	2.00	2.00	1.90
1935	101	2.50	2.50	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.20
1936	105	2.60	2.50	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.20
1937	112	2.76	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.40	2.30
1938	115	2.83	2.57	2.61	2.61	2.42	2.46
1939 5/	119	2.94	2.75	2.72	2.71	2.53	2.53
1940	132	3.25	2.88	2.87	2.81	2.67	2.73
1941	132	3.25	3.32	3.00	3.01	3.00	3.07
1942	132	3.25	3.32	3.00	3.07	3.00	3.07
1943	132	3.25	3.32	3.02	3.15	3.12	3.36
1944	145	3.57	3.57	3.57	3.52	3.49	3.43
1945	145	3.57	3.57	3.57	3.52	3.49	3.43
1946	814	20.11	20.11	20.03	20.03	20.06	19.49
1947	3,091	76.34	76.34	76.15	76.15	76.28	75.51
1948	9,027	222.97	222.97	222.87	222.87	222.87	219.07

* Medium Quality

1/ Simple average of monthly price.
2/ Population over 1,000,000.
3/ Population under 350,000.
4/ 1934 - 36 = 2.47.
5/ Official prices were begun on 6 Nov 1939 and were quoted in yen per 10 kilograms.

SOURCE: 1930-39: Price Statistics, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, 1942
1940-48: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

Table 11

WHEAT: MONTHLY WHOLESALE PRICES 1/, TOKYO, JANUARY 1930-JUNE 1940 2/

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Calendar Year 3/	Crop Year 3/ 4/
						Yen per Koku								
1930	17.25	16.81	16.26	16.04	15.12	13.58	12.70	13.10	12.14	10.70	11.09	10.91	13.81	11.03
1931	10.31	10.47	10.51	10.47	10.44	9.61	8.97	8.72	8.49	8.51	9.28	9.86	9.64	10.40
1932	11.55	12.28	12.84	12.05	11.57	10.70	11.68	13.96	14.54	14.55	15.29	15.51	13.04	14.55
1933	15.19	14.78	14.69	14.76	15.08	14.65	14.67	14.24	14.14	14.26	14.37	14.14	14.58	14.43
1934	14.26	14.78	14.67	14.78	14.62	14.21	12.46	13.17	13.78	14.06	14.00	13.87	14.06	14.37
1935	14.48	15.77	16.25	15.92	15.03	13.71	13.69	15.92	18.34	18.86	18.44	18.66	16.26	18.03
1936	19.53	19.03	18.59	18.37	18.37	18.57	20.08	21.86	21.35	21.33	21.33	22.34	20.07	21.75
1937	23.06	22.34	22.11	22.72	22.04	20.49	21.45	20.23	19.87	21.97	22.31	22.56	21.76	22.23
1938	22.95	23.61	23.31	22.63	22.83	23.10	23.78	23.45	23.47	23.88	24.75	26.01	23.65	26.44
1939	27.69	28.92	28.92	29.32	29.57	27.61	26.31	28.65	29.61	29.88	30.07	30.39	28.91	30.13
1940	30.39	30.41	30.76	31.25	31.86	32.00								
						Yen per 100 Kilograms 5/								
1930	12.60	12.28	11.88	11.72	11.05	9.92	9.28	9.57	8.87	7.82	8.10	7.97	10.09	8.06
1931	7.53	7.65	7.68	7.65	7.63	7.02	6.55	6.37	6.20	6.22	6.78	7.20	7.04	7.60
1932	8.45	8.97	9.38	8.80	8.45	7.82	8.53	10.20	10.62	10.63	11.17	11.33	9.53	10.63
1933	11.10	10.80	10.73	10.78	11.02	10.70	10.72	10.40	10.33	10.42	10.50	10.33	10.65	10.54
1934	10.42	10.80	10.72	10.80	10.68	10.38	9.10	9.62	10.07	10.27	10.23	10.13	10.27	10.50
1935	10.58	11.52	11.87	11.63	10.98	10.02	10.00	11.63	13.40	13.78	13.47	13.63	11.88	13.17
1936	14.27	13.90	13.58	13.42	13.42	13.57	14.67	15.97	15.60	15.58	15.58	16.32	14.66	15.89
1937	16.85	16.32	16.15	16.60	16.10	14.97	15.67	14.78	14.52	16.05	16.30	16.48	15.90	16.24
1938	16.77	17.25	17.03	16.53	16.68	16.88	17.37	17.13	17.15	17.45	18.08	19.00	17.28	19.32
1939	20.23	21.13	21.13	21.42	21.60	20.17	19.22	20.93	21.63	21.83	21.97	22.20	21.12	22.01
1940	22.20	22.22	22.47	22.83	23.28	23.38								

1/ Simple average of daily quotations of prices received by wholesalers in Tokyo.
2/ For the period prior to price controls.
3/ Simple average of monthly figures.
4/ Crop year begins in Jul. Thus, 1930 crop year extends from Jul 1930 through Jun 1931.
5/ During this period the conversion rate was 136.875 kilograms per koku.

SOURCE: 1930-1939: Price Statistics, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Tokyo, 1931-1940
1940: Statistical Year Book, Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Tokyo, 1940

Table 12

WHEAT: OFFICIAL PRODUCER PRICES[1], GOVERNMENT RESALE PRICES[2], AND OFFICIAL RETAIL PRICES[3], CROP YEARS 1940-1948

Month of Announcement of Producer Price	Month in which Government Resale and Retail Prices Effective	Prices in Yen per Koku			Prices in Yen per 100 Kilograms [4]			Retail Price (Yen per 10 Kilograms)
		Producer Price	Government Resale Price	Subsidy (1)-(2)	Producer Price	Government Resale Price	Subsidy (1)-(2)	
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)	
Jul 1940	n.a.	28.74 [5]	n.a.	n.a.	21.00 [5]	n.a.	n.a.	-
Jan 1941	Jun 1941	28.44	28.10	.34	20.78	20.53	.25	-
May 1942	May 1942	35.08	28.37	6.71	25.63	20.73	4.90	-
Oct 1942 [6]	Jul 1943	35.08	33.29	1.79	25.63	24.32	1.31	2.45
Oct 1943 [7]	Jun 1944	45.75	33.29	12.46	33.42	24.32	9.10	2.48
Apr 1945 [9]	Jun 1945 [8]	72.84	35.80	37.04	52.50	25.80	26.70	2.90
Mar 1946	(Mar 1946	471.76	212.36	259.40	340.01	153.05	176.96	16.50
	Nov 1946		395.16	76.60		284.80	55.21	31.20
Jul 1947 [10]	(Jul 1947 [11]	1,052.19	1,044.51	7.68	758.33	752.80	5.53	84.10
	Nov 1947 [12]		1,311.03	-		944.88	-	103.60
Jul 1948 [13]	(Jul 1948	2,333.31	2,674.64	-	1,681.66	1,927.66	-	211.70
	Nov 1948 [14]		3,806.88	-		2,743.67	-	297.80

1/ Official prices, including straw bags, paid by the Government to farmers for the crop year which begins in Jul.
2/ Prices, including straw bags, charged to Foodstuffs Control Corporation, the rationing agency.
3/ Prices paid by consumers to Foodstuffs Control Corporation for wheat sold as unpolished grain. Official retail prices were first set in Jul 1943. Only since the beginning of the war has wheat been sold in appreciable quantities as unpolished grain.
4/ Conversion: Prior to 1945 crop, 136.875 kilograms per koku; since then 138.75, same as for naked barley.
5/ The producer price for the 1940 crop was originally set at ¥28.25 per koku (¥20.36 per 100 kg) in Jan 1940. The price set in Jul, however, was made retroactive to Jan.
6/ For 1943 crop year.
7/ For 1944 crop year.
8/ Retail prices effective in Jul 1945.
9/ Incentive goods program for wheat instituted in this year.
10/ Fertilizer allocations were related to deliveries with premiums for over-quota deliveries beginning in this year.
11/ Retail prices effective in Aug 1947.
12/ Retail prices effective in Jan 1948.
13/ The preplanting quota system was instituted this year. The producer price does not include the cash bonus for over-quota deliveries also instituted this year. The cash bonus was three times the base price excluding straw bags for the wheat delivered in excess of the preplanting quota. This price was ¥6,828.82 per koku including and ¥6,743.25 per koku excluding straw bags. The base price is a provisional price to be revised in Apr 1949.
14/ Retail prices effective in Dec 1948.

SOURCE: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Table 13

WHEAT FLOUR: MONTHLY PRICES, TOKYO, JANUARY 1930-DECEMBER 1939

Sen per Kilogram 1/

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ave
Wholesale Prices													
1930	17	16	16	16	15	14	13	13	13	12	12	11	14
1931	11	11	11	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	11	12	11
1932	13	13	13	13	13	12	13	15	17	16	17	17	14
1933	17	16	16	16	17	16	16	16	15	15	16	16	16
1934	16	16	16	15	15	15	14	14	15	15	15	15	15
1935	15	16	16	16	15	14	13	15	18	18	18	18	16
1936	18	18	18	17	17	18	19	21	21	21	21	22	19
1937	23	22	22	22	21	19	21	20	20	21	21	22	21
1938	22	22	22	22	22	22	23	22	22	22	23	23	22
1939	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	25	25	25	25	25	24
Retail Prices													
1930	21	21	21	21	19	19	18	18	18	17	17	16	19
1931	16	16	14	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	16	14
1932	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	18	20	20	20	19	17
1933	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	19	19	19	19	20
1934	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19
1935	19	20	20	20	19	19	18	19	21	22	21	21	20
1936	21	21	21	21	21	21	22	24	24	24	24	26	23
1937	27	26	26	27	26	25	26	25	25	26	26	26	26
1938	26	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	26
1939	27	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	31	34	34	32	31

1/ 100 sen = 1 yen

SOURCE: Price Statistics, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, 1942

Table 14

WHEAT FLOUR: OFFICIAL PRICES 1/, AND EFFECTIVE DATES

Yen per Kilogram

Date	Wholesale Price	Retail Price
31 Jan 1940	.25	.28
10 Sep 1943	.34	.37
29 Jul 1944	.35	.39
8 Aug 1945	.37	.42
3 Mar 1946	1.87	2.05
20 Nov 1946	3.78	3.95
6 Jul 1947	9.71	10.40
1 Nov 1947	12.36	13.15
11 Jul 1948	24.62	26.60
1 Nov 1948	33.40	35.70

1/ Although these ceiling prices are Tokyo prices they were almost the same as the country-wide ceiling prices except for the earlier years. See Table 10 for retail prices of polished rice in selected cities for country-wide price uniformity since 1944.

SOURCE: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

Table 15

COMMON BARLEY: MONTHLY WHOLESALE PRICES 1/, TOKYO, JANUARY 1930 - JUNE 1940 2/

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Calendar Year 3/	Crop Year 3/ 4/
							Yen per Koku							
1930	11.16	11.59	11.04	9.46	9.03	7.49	8.23	8.18	7.51	6.21	6.76	7.11	8.65	7.59
1931	7.45	7.78	8.29	8.24	8.38	6.93	6.57	6.33	6.10	5.99	6.29	7.00	7.11	6.40
1932	7.71	7.98	7.32	5.67	5.06	4.84	5.30	5.77	6.20	6.03	7.19	7.67	6.40	6.56
1933	7.76	6.74	6.40	6.48	6.71	6.52	7.68	7.79	7.77	8.09	8.57	8.45	7.41	8.89
1934	8.31	9.16	10.56	10.76	10.58	8.93	8.55	9.40	10.20	10.68	11.05	10.96	9.93	10.12
1935	10.94	11.71	11.27	10.03	8.63	7.96	8.65	9.38	10.89	10.98	10.71	10.38	10.13	9.98
1936	10.39	9.72	9.41	9.61	9.64	9.98	11.01	11.52	11.01	10.67	10.83	10.93	10.39	11.58
1937	11.59	11.76	12.01	12.94	12.52	12.13	12.75	12.48	12.73	13.87	15.54	15.86	13.02	14.59
1938	15.92	16.10	15.85	15.05	14.44	14.46	15.55	15.32	15.18	15.21	16.23	17.03	15.53	16.80
1939	17.45	19.01	18.05	18.18	17.85	16.56	16.24	17.26	17.44	17.56	18.47	19.61	17.81	19.26
1940	19.85	20.04	20.38	21.62	21.09	21.57								
							Yen per 100 Kilograms 5/							
1930	10.26	10.66	10.15	8.70	8.30	6.89	7.57	7.52	6.96	5.71	6.22	6.54	7.95	6.98
1931	6.85	7.15	7.62	7.58	7.71	6.37	6.04	5.82	5.61	5.51	5.78	6.44	6.54	5.89
1932	7.09	7.34	6.73	5.21	4.65	4.45	4.87	5.31	5.70	5.54	6.61	7.05	5.89	6.03
1933	7.14	6.20	5.89	5.96	6.17	5.99	7.06	7.16	7.14	7.44	7.88	7.77	6.81	8.17
1934	7.64	8.42	9.71	9.89	9.73	8.21	7.86	8.64	9.38	9.82	10.16	10.08	9.13	9.31
1935	10.06	10.77	10.36	9.22	7.94	7.32	7.95	8.63	10.01	10.10	9.85	9.54	9.31	9.18
1936	9.55	8.94	8.65	8.84	8.86	9.18	10.12	10.59	10.12	9.81	9.96	10.05	9.55	10.65
1937	10.66	10.81	11.04	11.90	11.51	11.15	11.72	11.48	11.71	12.75	14.29	14.58	11.97	13.42
1938	14.64	14.80	14.57	13.84	13.28	13.30	14.30	14.09	13.96	13.99	14.92	15.66	14.28	15.45
1939	16.05	17.48	16.60	16.72	16.41	15.23	14.93	15.87	16.04	16.15	16.98	18.03	16.38	17.71
1940	18.25	18.43	18.74	19.88	19.39	19.83								

1/ Simple average of daily quotations of prices received by wholesalers in Tokyo.
2/ For the period prior to price controls.
3/ Simple average of monthly figures.
4/ Crop year begins in Jul. Thus, 1930 crop year extends from Jul 1930 through Jun 1931.
5/ Converted at 108.75 Kilograms per koku.

SOURCE: 1930-1939: Price Statistics, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Tokyo, 1931-1940
1940: Statistical Year Book, Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Tokyo, 1940

Table 16

COMMON BARLEY: OFFICIAL PRODUCER PRICES 1/, GOVERNMENT RESALE PRICES 2/, AND OFFICIAL RETAIL PRICES 3/, 1940-1948 CROP YEARS

Month of Announcement of Producer Price	Month in which Government Resale and Retail Prices Effective	Prices in Yen per Koku			Prices in Yen per 100 Kilograms 4/			Retail Price 3/ (Yen per 10 Kilograms)
		Producer Price	Government Resale Price	Subsidy (1)-(2)	Producer Price	Government Resale Price	Subsidy (1)-(2)	
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)	
Feb 1940	n.a.	16.34	n.a.	n.a.	15.63	n.a.	n.a.	-
Jan 1941	Jun 1941	16.32	16.01	.31	15.01	14.72	.29	-
May 1942	May 1942	18.12	17.81	.31	16.66	16.37	.29	-
Oct 1942 5/	Jul 1943	22.12	21.53	.59	20.34	19.79	.55	2.01
Oct 1943 6/	Jun 1944	30.45	24.22	6.23	28.00	22.27	5.73	2.20
Apr 1945 8/	Jun 1945 7/	49.71	24.41	25.30	45.71	22.44	23.27	2.50
Mar 1946	Mar 1946	323.14	144.67	178.47	297.14	133.03	164.11	14.50
	Nov 1946		354.91			326.35		
Jul 1947 9/	Jul 1947 10/	714.64	701.16	13.48	657.14	644.74	12.40	72.10
	Nov 1947 11/		941.54	-		865.78	-	94.40
Jul 1948 12/	Jul 1948	1,592.94	1,779.75	-	1,464.76	1,636.55	-	179.50
	Nov 1949 13/		2,481.99			2,282.29		248.20

1/ Official prices, including straw bags, paid by the Government to farmers for the crop year beginning in Jul.
2/ Prices, including straw bags, charged to Foodstuffs Control Corporation, the rationing agency.
3/ Prices paid by consumers to Foodstuffs Control Corporation for barley sold as unpolished grain. Official prices first set in Jul 1943. Only since the beginning of the war has barley been sold in appreciable quantities as unpolished grain.
4/ Converted at 108.75 kilograms per koku.
5/ For 1943 crop year.
6/ For 1944 crop year.
7/ Retail price effective in Jul 1945.
8/ Incentive goods program for barley instituted this year.
9/ Fertilizer allocations were related to deliveries with premiums for over-quota deliveries beginning in this year.
10/ Retail price effective in Aug 1947.
11/ Retail price effective in Jan 1948.
12/ The preplanting quota system was instituted this year. The producer price does not include the cash bonus for over-quota deliveries also instituted this year. The cash bonus was three times the base price, excluding straw bags for the barley delivered in excess of the preplanting quota. Special price for over-quota deliveriss was ¥ 4,625.50 per koku including straw bags and ¥ 4,548.86 excluding straw bags. The base price is a provisional price to be revised in Apr 1949.
13/ Retail price effective in Dec 1948.

SOURCE: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Table 17

PRESSED BARLEY*: RETAIL PRICES, TOKYO, JANUARY 1930-JANUARY 1940

Sen per Kilogram 1/

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Calendar Year
1930	19	20	19	19	18	17	17	17	17	16	16	16	18
1931	16	16	16	16	16	14	13	13	13	13	13	14	14
1932	15	15	15	14	13	12	13	13	13	13	14	14	14
1933	16	15	14	15	14	15	16	16	16	17	18	17	16
1934	17	18	19	19	19	18	17	17	17	19	19	19	18
1935	19	20	20	19	18	17	17	17	18	19	18	18	18
1936	18	18	18	18	18	18	19	20	20	20	20	20	19
1937	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	23	24	21
1938	24	24	23	23	23	23	24	25	25	26	26	28	24
1939	29	30	30	30	30	30	29	27	30	30	31	31	30
1940	29												

* Pressed barley in Tokyo is mainly from common barley.

1/ 100 sen = 1 yen

SOURCE: Price Statistics, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, 1942

Table 18

PRESSED BARLEY*: OFFICIAL RETAIL PRICES, TOKYO

Yen per Kilogram

Month	Price
Feb 1940	.24
Aug 1942	.26
Jun 1943	.28
Jul 1943	.31
Jun 1944	.33
Jul 1945	.34
Mar 1946	1.88
Nov 1946	3.58
Jul 1947	9.85
Nov 1947	12.70
Jul 1948	25.10
Nov 1948	33.90

* Pressed barley in Tokyo is mainly from common barley.

SOURCE: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

Table 19

NAKED BARLEY: MONTHLY WHOLESALE PRICES[1], TOKYO, JANUARY, 1930-JUNE 1940[2]

Year [2]	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Calendar Year [3]	Crop Year [3] [4]
Yen per Koku														
1930	17.29	17.85	17.26	15.97	15.03	13.33	13.36	13.66	12.92	11.41	12.01	12.40	14.37	12.77
1931	12.48	13.00	13.38	13.42	14.03	11.11	10.48	11.26	10.83	10.69	11.15	11.93	11.98	11.47
1932	13.28	13.41	12.75	11.63	10.60	9.59	10.08	10.66	11.07	11.05	12.03	13.05	11.60	11.80
1933	13.37	11.93	11.51	12.09	12.41	12.40	13.98	14.28	14.33	15.35	16.08	16.04	13.65	16.17
1934	16.09	16.74	18.13	18.36	18.58	16.07	15.05	15.41	16.31	17.42	17.67	17.64	16.96	16.70
1935	17.62	18.69	18.24	16.72	15.38	14.21	14.80	15.62	17.05	17.37	16.93	16.87	16.63	16.73
1936	17.32	16.52	16.58	17.08	17.23	17.41	17.96	18.57	18.69	18.22	18.35	18.75	17.72	19.82
1937	20.04	20.52	21.31	22.33	22.14	20.94	20.49	19.70	19.84	21.19	22.25	22.95	21.14	21.87
1938	23.50	23.67	23.12	21.91	21.96	21.91	22.76	22.75	23.47	24.67	26.76	28.97	23.79	27.18
1939	29.01	31.15	30.75	30.22	29.41	26.21	25.16	27.76	28.82	29.96	31.46	32.41	29.36	30.28
1940	31.99	31.55	31.22	31.71	30.68	30.68								
Yen per 100 Kilograms [5]														
1930	12.46	12.86	12.44	11.51	10.83	9.61	9.63	9.85	9.31	8.22	8.66	8.94	10.36	9.20
1931	8.99	9.37	9.64	9.67	10.11	8.01	7.55	8.12	7.81	7.70	8.04	8.60	8.63	8.27
1932	9.57	9.66	9.19	8.38	7.64	6.91	7.26	7.68	7.98	7.96	8.67	9.41	8.36	8.50
1933	9.64	8.60	8.30	8.71	8.94	8.94	10.08	10.29	10.33	11.06	11.59	11.56	9.84	11.65
1934	11.60	12.06	13.07	13.23	13.39	11.58	10.85	11.11	11.75	12.55	12.74	12.71	12.22	12.04
1935	12.70	13.47	13.15	12.05	11.08	10.24	10.67	11.26	12.29	12.52	12.20	12.16	11.99	12.06
1936	12.48	11.91	11.95	12.31	12.42	12.55	12.94	13.38	13.47	13.13	13.23	13.51	12.77	14.28
1937	14.44	14.79	15.36	16.09	15.96	15.09	14.77	14.20	14.30	15.27	16.04	16.54	15.24	15.76
1938	16.94	17.06	16.66	15.79	15.83	15.79	16.40	16.40	16.92	17.78	19.29	20.88	17.15	19.59
1939	20.91	22.45	22.16	21.78	21.20	18.89	18.13	20.01	20.77	21.59	22.67	23.36	21.16	21.82
1940	23.06	22.74	22.50	22.85	22.11	22.11								

1/ Simple average of the daily quotation of prices received by wholesalers in Tokyo.
2/ For the period prior to price controls.
3/ Simple average of monthly figures.
4/ Crop year begins in Jul. Thus, 1930 crop year extends from Jul 1930 through Jun 1931.
5/ Converted at 138.75 kilograms per koku.

SOURCE: 1930 - 1939: Price Statistics, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Tokyo, 1931 - 1940
1940: Statistical Year Book, Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Tokyo, 1940

Table 20

NAKED BARLEY: OFFICIAL PRODUCER PRICES 1/, GOVERNMENT RESALE PRICES 2/, AND OFFICIAL RETAIL PRICES 3/, 1940-1948 CROP YEARS

Month of Announcement of Producer Price	Month in which Government Resale and Retail Prices Effective	Prices in Yen per Koku			Prices in Yen per 100 Kilograms 4/			Retail Price (Yen per 10 Kilograms)
		Producer Price (1)	Government Resale Price (2)	Subsidy (1)-(2) (3)	Producer Price (1)	Government Resale Price (2)	Subsidy (1)-(2) (3)	
Feb 1940	n.a.	26.73	n.a.	n.a.	19.26	n.a.	n.a.	-
Jan 1941	Jun 1941	26.78	26.44	0.34	19.30	19.05	0.25	-
May 1942	May 1942	27.38	27.04	0.34	19.73	19.48	0.25	-
Oct 1943	Jul 1943	33.38	32.04	1.34	24.06	23.10	0.96	2.34
Oct 1944	Jun 1944	45.09	34.34	10.75	32.50	24.75	7.75	2.53
Apr 1945 5/	Jun 1945 6/	72.84	34.34	38.50	52.50	24.74	27.75	2.90
Mar 1946	Mar 1946		212.36	259.13		153.24	186.75	16.50
Nov 1946	Nov 1946	471.76	395.58	76.18	340.01	285.10	54.90	31.20
Jul 1947 7/	Jul 1947 8/	1,052.19	1,042.62	9.57	758.34	751.44	6.90	84.10
	Nov 1947		1,469.32	-		1,058.96	-	103.60 9/
Jul 1948 10/	Jul 1948	2,333.31	2,634.86	-	1,681.66	1,898.98	-	208.60
	Nov 1948		3,677.33	-		2,650.33		288.50

1/ Official prices, including price of straw bags, paid by the Government to farmers for the crop year which begins in Jul.
2/ Prices, including price of straw bags, charged to Foodstuff Control Corporation, the rationing agency.
3/ Prices paid by consumer to Foodstuff Control Corporation for naked barley sold as unpolished grain. Official prices first set in Jul 1943. Prior to the war, wheat as unpolished grain was not used in appreciable quantities.
4/ Converted at 138.75 kilograms per koku.
5/ Incentive goods program for naked barley instituted this year.
6/ Retail prices effective in Jul 1945.
7/ Fertilizer allocations were related to deliveries with premiums for over-quota deliveries.
8/ Retail price effective in Aug 1947.
9/ Prices set Jan 1948.
10/ The preplanting quota system was instituted this year. The producer price does not include the cash bonus for over-quota deliveries. The cash bonus was three times the base price excluding straw bags for the naked barley delivered in excess of the preplanting quota. This price was ¥ 6,828.82 per koku (¥ 4,921.67 per 100 kg) including straw bags. The price excluding straw bags was ¥ 6,743.25 per koku (¥ 4,860.00 per 100 kg). The base price is a provisional price to be revised in Apr 1949.

SOURCE: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Table 21

SWEET POTATOES: MONTHLY WHOLESALE PRICES 1/, TOKYO, JANUARY 1930-AUGUST 1940 2/

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Calendar Year 3/	Crop Year 3/ 4/
							Yen per 10 Kan							
1930	2.36	2.85	3.07	3.00	3.82	3.82	6.81	3.04	1.56	1.22	1.22	1.27	2.83	2.07
1931	1.37	1.56	1.62	1.79	1.99	2.05	6.10	2.74	1.44	1.28	1.29	1.41	2.05	1.88
1932	1.52	1.53	1.64	2.01	2.17	2.54	3.01	2.23	1.50	1.36	1.34	1.47	1.86	1.96
1933	1.57	1.72	1.88	2.15	2.35	2.50	3.41	2.84	1.81	1.56	1.35	1.36	2.04	1.85
1934	1.44	1.54	1.62	1.74	1.74	1.89	3.31	2.60	1.71	1.46	1.42	1.49	1.83	2.35
1935	1.56	1.79	1.89	2.32	2.82	4.01	5.12	2.72	1.84	1.54	1.53	1.46	2.38	2.11
1936	1.48	1.67	1.74	1.96	2.44	2.75	4.16	2.73	1.98	1.62	1.48	1.61	2.14	2.17
1937	1.64	1.78	1.76	1.97	2.16	2.74	4.58	2.54	2.19	1.88	1.77	1.82	2.24	2.44
1938	1.85	1.94	1.97	2.18	2.37	2.70	6.01	3.85	1.95	1.73	1.79	1.99	2.53	2.88
1939	2.16	2.49	2.61	2.82	3.12	4.20	5.85	3.86	2.23	2.74	2.59	2.72	3.12	4.66
1940	3.09	3.15	3.58	4.45	6.46	8.62	12.44	6.82	5.31	4.17	4.11	4.10	5.52	4.59
1941	3.89	3.92	4.19	4.76	4.73	4.80	4.30	4.30						
							Yen per 100 Kilograms 5/							
1930	6.29	7.60	8.19	8.00	10.19	10.19	18.16	8.11	4.16	3.25	3.25	3.39	7.55	5.52
1931	3.65	4.16	4.32	4.77	5.31	5.47	16.27	7.31	3.84	3.41	3.44	3.76	5.47	5.01
1932	4.05	4.08	4.37	5.36	5.79	6.77	8.03	5.95	4.00	3.63	3.57	3.92	4.96	5.23
1933	4.19	4.59	5.01	5.73	6.27	6.67	9.09	7.57	4.83	4.16	3.60	3.63	5.44	4.93
1934	3.84	4.11	4.32	4.64	4.64	5.04	8.83	6.93	4.56	3.89	3.79	3.97	4.88	6.27
1935	4.16	4.77	5.04	6.19	7.52	10.69	13.65	7.25	4.91	4.11	4.08	3.89	6.35	5.63
1936	3.95	4.45	4.64	5.23	6.51	7.33	11.09	7.28	5.28	4.32	3.95	4.29	5.70	5.79
1937	4.37	4.75	4.69	5.25	5.76	7.30	12.21	6.77	5.84	5.01	4.72	4.85	5.97	6.51
1938	4.93	5.17	5.25	5.81	6.32	7.20	16.03	10.27	5.20	4.61	4.77	5.31	6.75	7.68
1939	5.76	6.64	6.96	7.52	8.32	11.20	15.60	10.29	5.95	7.30	6.91	7.25	8.32	12.43
1940	8.24	8.40	9.55	11.87	17.23	22.99	33.17	18.19	14.16	11.12	10.96	10.93	14.72	12.24
1941	10.37	10.45	11.17	12.69	12.61	12.80	11.47	11.47						

1/ Simple average of daily quotations of prices received by wholesalers in Tokyo.
2/ For the period prior to price controls.
3/ Simple average of monthly figures.
4/ Crop year begins in Aug. Thus, 1930 crop year extends from Aug 1930 through Jul 1931.
5/ Converted at 3.75 kilograms per kan.
SOURCE: 1930-1939 Price Statistics, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Tokyo 1931 - 1940
1940-1941 Statistical Year Book, Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Tokyo, 1942

Table 22

SWEET POTATOES: OFFICIAL PRODUCER PRICES 1/, GOVERNMENT RESALE PRICES 2/, AND OFFICIAL RETAIL PRICES 3/, 1941-1948 CROP YEARS

Month of Announcement of Producer Price	Month in which Government Resale and Retail Prices Effective	Prices in Yen per 10 Kan			Prices in Yen per 100 Kilograms 4/			Retail Prices	
		Producer Price	Government Resale Price	Subsidy (1)-(2)	Producer Price	Government Resale Price	Subsidy (1)-(2)	(Yen per 10 Kan)	(Yen per 100 Kilograms) 4/
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)		
		A. Fresh Sweet Potatoes							
Sep 1941	Sep 1941	2.40	3.34	-	6.40	8.90	-		
Jul 1942	Jul 1942	2.50	2.65	-	6.67	7.06	-		
Sep 1943	Sep 1943	2.70	2.65	.05	7.20	7.06	.14		
May 1944	May 1944	3.00	4.30	-	8.00	11.46	-		
Apr 1945	Jun 1945	8.00 5/	5.00	3.00 5/	21.33 5/	13.33	8.00 5/		
Nov 1946	Oct 1946	40.00 6/	44.20	6/	115.20 6/	117.86	6/		
Nov 1947 8/	Nov 1947	96.00 7/	128.25	7/	256.00 7/	342.00	7/		
Oct 1948	Aug 1948	188.00 9/	205.90	9/	501.33 9/	549.07	9/		
		B. Dried Sweet Potatoes							
Mar 1946	Mar 1946	80.00	64.30	15.70	213.33	171.47	41.86	70.00	186.67
Jan 1947	Mar 1947	207.00	120.30	86.70	552.00	320.80	231.20	133.30	354.67
Feb 1948	Mar 1948	500.00	439.00	61.00	1,333.33	1,170.67	162.66	472.50	1,260.00
Dec 1948	Mar 1949 10/	1,050.00 11/	749.70 10/	-	2,800.00 11/	1,999.20 10/	-	937.50	2,500.00

1/ Official prices, including straw bags, paid by the Government to farmers for crop year which begins in Aug.
2/ Prices, including straw bags, charged to the Foodstuffs Control Corporation, the rationing agency.
3/ Prices paid by consumers to Foodstuffs Control Corporation.
4/ Converted at 3.75 kilograms per kan.
5/ Does not include a handling charge of ¥1.46 per 10 kan.
6/ Does not include average early-delivery bonus of ¥3.20 per 10 kan and a handling charge of ¥6.20 per 10 kan.
7/ Does not include average early-delivery bonus of ¥4.80 per 10 kan and a handling charge of ¥24.45 per 10 kan.
8/ Incentive goods program was instituted for sweet potatoes this year.
9/ The preplanting quota system was instituted this year. The producer price does not include the cash bonus for over-quota deliveries. The cash bonus was 2.25 times the base price, excluding straw bags. The over-quota price was ¥404.75 per 10 kan, including straw bags. The premium after Mar 1949 was higher at ¥524.75 per 10 kan in allowance for shrinkage during storage. Does not include a handling charge of ¥6.00 per 10 kan.
10/ Price was made retroactive to 28 Dec 1948.
11/ Preplanting quota system used this year for the first time provides for a payment of three times the base price, excluding straw bags, for over-quota deliveries. This price was ¥3,092.20 per 10 kan, including straw bags at ¥28.90.

SOURCE: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Table 23

SWEET POTATOES: RETAIL PRICES, TOKYO, JANUARY 1930-DECEMBER 1948

Yen per Kilogram 1/

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Calendar Year
1930	.10	.11	.13	.14	.14	.17	n.a.	n.a.	.08	.06	.04	.06	.10
1931	.06	.07	.07	.08	.09	.10	n.a.	n.a.	.09	.06	.05	.06	.07
1932	.07	.07	.07	.10	.09	.11	.17	.13	.07	.06	.06	.06	.09
1933	.06	.07	.08	.08	.08	.12	n.a.	.17	.09	.07	.07	.07	.09
1934	.07	.07	.07	.07	.08	.09	.14	.13	.07	.05	.06	.07	.08
1935	.07	.08	.07	.08	.10	.15	n.a.	.15	.11	.07	.07	.08	.09
1936	.09	.08	.08	.08	.10	.11	.25	.19	.12	.08	.07	.08	.11
1937	.08	.08	.08	.08	.10	.13	.24	.16	.11	.08	.07	.08	.11
1938	.10	.08	.08	.08	.11	.13	.29	.19	.09	.08	.08	.10	.12
1939	.11	.11	.11	.12	.13	.16	.26	.17	.12	.11	.10	.11	.13
1940	.12	.13	.13	.18	.21	.32	.44	.31	.19	.13	.13	.13	.20
1941	.11	.11	.12	.13	.13	.13 2/	.13	.13	.11	.11	.11	.11	.12
1942	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.10
1943	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.10	.10	.10	.10	.09
1944	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10
1945	.10	.10	.10	.21	.21	.21	.17	.17	.17	.17	.17	.17	.16
1946	.17	.17	.17	.17	.17	.17	.17	.17	.17	.17	1.33	1.33	.36
1947	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.33	2.83	2.83	4.03	4.03	2.03
1948	4.03	4.03	4.03	4.03	4.03	4.03	4.03	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.20	5.35

1/ Prices are quoted in the source using yen per kilogram. However, retailers sell the potatoes in yen per kan.

2/ Official prices first set in Jun 1941. Sweet potatoes were distributed as vegetables until 6 Jul 1945 and as staples afterwards.

SOURCE: 1930 - May 1941: Price Statistics, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, 1942.
Jun 1941 - Dec 1948: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Table 24

WHITE POTATOES: MONTHLY WHOLESALE PRICES 1/, TOKYO, JANUARY 1930-JUNE 1941 2/

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Calendar Year 3/	Crop Year 3/ 4/
Yen per 10 Kan														
1930	2.13	2.34	2.40	2.37	3.18	1.45	1.00	.96	1.02	1.16	1.24	1.38	1.72	1.41
1931	1.59	1.74	1.70	1.76	1.86	1.55	.87	.80	.87	.88	1.08	1.48	1.35	1.35
1932	1.76	1.76	1.67	1.79	1.76	1.46	.94	.93	1.09	1.24	1.48	1.51	1.45	1.37
1933	1.61	1.59	1.47	1.43	1.49	1.71	.98	1.05	1.29	1.22	1.29	1.27	1.37	1.27
1934	1.38	1.49	1.47	1.48	1.31	1.04	.79	.73	.78	.79	.81	1.05	1.09	1.33
1935	1.14	1.24	1.53	2.10	2.66	2.30	1.22	1.30	1.36	1.57	1.91	1.95	1.69	2.10
1936	2.31	2.91	3.06	3.53	2.21	1.81	1.31	1.39	1.38	1.26	1.30	1.40	1.99	1.60
1937	1.94	1.97	1.58	1.71	2.04	1.91	1.17	1.20	1.27	1.43	1.67	1.77	1.64	1.50
1938	1.76	1.97	1.81	1.52	1.18	1.29	1.55	1.65	1.73	1.89	2.09	1.99	1.70	2.35
1939	2.20	2.27	2.73	3.32	3.82	3.01	1.79	1.86	2.31	2.64	3.00	3.20	2.68	3.14
1940	3.62	3.56	3.67	4.55	3.71	3.71	4.01	3.89	3.74	4.14	4.34	4.58	3.96	4.29
1941	4.88	5.03	5.69	5.82	5.35	5.31								
Yen per 100 Kilograms 5/														
1930	5.68	6.24	6.40	6.32	8.48	3.87	2.67	2.56	2.72	3.09	3.31	3.68	4.59	3.76
1931	4.24	4.64	4.53	4.69	4.96	4.13	2.32	2.13	2.32	2.35	2.88	3.95	3.60	3.60
1932	4.69	4.69	4.45	4.77	4.69	3.89	2.51	2.48	2.91	3.31	3.95	4.03	3.87	3.65
1933	4.29	4.24	3.92	3.81	3.97	4.56	2.61	2.80	3.44	3.25	3.44	3.39	3.65	3.39
1934	3.68	3.97	3.92	3.95	3.49	2.77	2.11	1.95	2.08	2.11	2.16	2.80	2.91	3.55
1935	3.04	3.31	4.08	5.60	7.09	6.13	3.25	3.47	3.63	4.19	5.09	5.20	4.51	5.60
1936	6.16	7.76	8.16	9.41	5.89	4.83	3.49	3.71	3.68	3.36	3.47	3.73	5.31	4.27
1937	5.17	5.25	4.21	4.56	5.44	5.09	3.12	3.20	3.39	3.81	4.45	4.72	4.37	4.00
1938	4.69	5.25	4.83	4.05	3.15	3.44	4.13	4.40	4.61	5.04	5.57	5.31	4.53	6.27
1939	5.87	6.05	7.28	8.85	10.19	8.03	4.77	4.96	6.16	7.04	8.00	8.53	7.15	8.37
1940	9.65	9.49	9.79	12.13	9.89	9.89	10.69	10.37	9.97	11.04	11.57	12.21	10.56	11.44
1941	13.01	13.41	15.17	15.52	14.27	14.16	5.09	4.96						

1/ Simple average of daily quotations of prices received by wholesalers in Tokyo.
2/ For the period prior to price controls.
3/ Simple average of monthly figures.
4/ Normal crop year begins in Jul 1. Thus, 1930 crop year extends from Jul 1930 through Jun 1931.
5/ Converted at 3.75 Kilograms per Kan.

SOURCE: 1930-1939: Price Statistics, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Tokyo, 1931-1940
1940-1941: Statistical Year Book, Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Tokyo, 1942

Table 25

WHITE POTATOES: OFFICIAL PRODUCER PRICES 1/, AND GOVERNMENT RESALE PRICES 2/, 1941-1948 CROP YEARS

Date of Announcement of Producer Price	Month in which Government Resale Price Effective	Price in Yen per 10 Kan			Price in Yen per 100 Kilograms 3/		
		Producer Price	Government Resale Price	Subsidy (1)-(2)	Producer Price	Government Resale Price	Subsidy (1)-(2)
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)
12 Sep 1941	Sep 1941	2.40	3.21	-	6.40	8.56	-
16 Jul 1942	Jul 1942	2.50	3.18	-	6.67	8.48	-
1 Sep 1943	Sep 1943	2.50	3.18	-	6.67	8.48	-
10 May 1944	May 1944	3.30	4.00	-	8.88	10.67	-
30 Apr 1945	Jun 1945	8.80	4.90	3.90 4/	23.47	13.06	10.41 4/
29 Jul 1946 7/	Jun 1946	48.00 5/	42.20	6.00 6/	128.00 5/	112.53	5.47 6/
1 Jul 1947	Jul 1947	87.00 8/	(67.35	9.65 9/	232.00 8/	(79.60	52.40
	Dec 1947		(110.10 10/	10/		(293.60 10/	10/
11 Jul 1948	Jul 1948	186.00 11/	167.80	18.20 12/	496.00 11/	447.47	48.63 12/

1/ Official prices, including straw bags, paid by the government to farmers for the crop year which begins in Jul.
2/ Prices, including straw bags, charged to Foodstuffs Control Corporation, the rationing agency.
3/ Converted at 3.75 kilograms per kan.
4/ Does not include ¥1.46 per 10 kan (¥3.90 per 100 kg) paid by government to a handling company for collecting the crop from the farmers.
5/ The base price was originally set at ¥24 per 10 kan (¥64 per 100 kg) with an early delivery bonus of ¥24 per 10 kan. Since virtually the total crop was delivered during the specified period the bonus is considered to apply to the total crop.
6/ Does not include ¥6.20 per 10 kan (¥16.53 per 100 kg) paid by the government to the handling company.
7/ Incentive goods program was instituted for white potatoes this year.
8/ Does not include the over-quota bonus of ¥25 per 10 kan (¥66.66 per 100 kg) for prompt deliveries in excess of quota. The average over-quota bonus paid by the government for the total crop collected was ¥2.30 per 10 kan (¥6.13 per 100 kg).
9/ Does not include ¥23.85 per 10 kan (¥63.60 per 100 kg) paid by government to the handling company.
10/ In Nov 1947 all subsidies on staple foods were eliminated. In the case of white potatoes, however, the handling charge (see 9/) plus the producer price was ¥110.85 per 10 kan compared to the resale price of ¥110.10 per 10 kan. The subsidy of ¥.75 per 10 kan was more than offset, however, by the revenue realized from the resale of rice.
11/ Special price for over-quota deliveries was ¥446.10 per 10 kan (¥1,189 per 100 kg). The preplanting quota system, used this year for the first time, provided for a payment of 2.5 times the base price, excluding straw bags, for over quota deliveries of white potatoes.
12/ Does not include ¥6.00 per 10 kan (¥16.00 per 100 kg) paid by government to the handling company.

SOURCE: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Table 26

WHITE POTATOES: RETAIL PRICES, TOKYO, JANUARY 1930-DECEMBER 1948

Yen per Kilogram 1/

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Calendar Year
1930	.08	.09	.09	.10	.12	n.a.	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.06	.07
1931	.06	.07	.07	.07	.08	.07	.05	.04	.04	.04	.05	.06	.06
1932	.06	.06	.06	.06	.08	.06	.04	.04	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05
1933	.06	.06	.06	.06	.06	.06	.04	.04	.05	.05	.05	.06	.05
1934	.06	.05	.06	.06	.06	.04	.04	.04	.04	.04	.04	.04	.05
1935	.05	.05	.05	.07	.10	.08	.05	.05	.06	.06	.07	.08	.06
1936	.08	.10	.10	.11	.11	.08	.07	.07	.06	.06	.06	.07	.08
1937	.07	.07	.06	.06	.06	.05	.05	.05	.06	.06	.07	.07	.06
1938	.07	.08	.08	.06	.05	.06	.07	.06	.06	.07	.08	.08	.07
1939	.08	.08	.10	.12	.13	.11	.08	.08	.08	.08	.10	.10	.09
1940	.11	.12	.12	.15	.17	.15	.14	.15	.12	.12	.13	.16	.14
1941	.16	.16	.16	.16	.16	.16	.11 2/	.11	.11	.11	.11	.12	.14
1942	.12	.12	.13	.13	.13	.11	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.11
1943	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09
1944	.09	.09	.09	.09	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.11	.10
1945	.11	.11	.11	.23	.23	.23	.17	.17	.17	.17	.17	.17	.17
1946	.17	.17	.17	.17	.17	.17	1.28	1.28	1.28	1.28	1.28	1.28	.72
1947	1.28	1.28	1.28	1.28	1.28	1.28	2.27	2.27	2.27	2.27	3.47	3.47	1.97
1948	3.47	3.47	3.47	3.47	3.47	3.47	5.65	5.65	5.65	5.65	5.65	5.65	4.56

1/ Prices are quoted in the sources using this unit of measure; however, retailers sell the potatoes in yen per kan.

2/ Official price first set Jul 1941. White potatoes were distributed as a vegetable from Aug 1941 until 6 Jul 1945 and as a staple afterwards.

SOURCE: Jan 1930 - Aug 1941: Price Statistics, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, 1941
Sep 1941 - Dec 1948: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

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