

**Table 2****Food Processing Machinery Imports (¥ million)**

Items	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
Cereal processing machinery	723	447	264	321	674
Baking/confectionery	3 374	2 110	1 667	2 790	3 664
Brewing and fermentation	—	—	—	—	408
Dairy products machinery	912	1 456	1 114	1 507	994
Beverage processing machinery	120	131	59	124	1 295
Meat processing machinery	1 985	1 835	1 842	2 983	2 985
Other	2 556	2 723	1 808	3 069	1 412
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9 670</b>	<b>8 702</b>	<b>6 754</b>	<b>10 794</b>	<b>11 432</b>

Source: Ministry of Finance.

Imports of baking and confectionery machinery recorded the largest growth rate in 1988, rising 31 per cent over 1987. The apparent growth rate for beverage processing machinery resulted from a change in the classification system, placing the validity of the actual overall growth rate in some doubt.

In 1988, the three leading regions for food processing machinery imports were Western Europe (¥9 190 million), North America (¥2 026 million) and South East Asia (¥162 million).

**Exports**

In 1988, total exports of food processing machinery reached ¥13 507 million (see Table 3). Baking and confectionery machinery accounted for 25 per cent of total exports, marine food machinery for 20 per cent and meat processing machinery for 5 per cent. (The increase in beverage processing machinery exports was due to classification changes in the Ministry of Finance's Export and Import Commodity Index.)

In 1988, the three leading recipients of Japanese food processing machinery were South East Asia (¥7 749 million), North America (¥2 522 million) and Western Europe (¥1 445).

**Table 3****Food Processing Machinery Exports (¥ million)**

Items	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
Rice polishing machinery	1 086	1 254	845	810	1 298
Cereal processing machinery	124	141	—	—	315
Noodle making machinery	1 112	1 800	846	621	674
Baking/confectionery	5 037	6 210	3 741	2 973	3 434
Brewing and fermentation	—	—	—	—	—
Dairy products machinery	—	—	—	—	3
Beverage processing machinery	72	598	32	50	349
Meat processing machinery	761	1 751	790	592	646
Marine foods machinery	1 358	2 863	3 331	2 797	2 715
Other	7 214	8 882	6 498	4 440	4 073
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16 764</b>	<b>23 499</b>	<b>16 083</b>	<b>12 283</b>	<b>13 507</b>

Source: Ministry of Finance.