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**AD HOC REPORT ON COVID-19 MEASURES TAKEN BY JAPAN  
IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR**

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The following submission, dated 26 March 2021, is being circulated at the request of Japan.

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1.1 This document revises Japan's *ad hoc* report on COVID-19 measures in document G/AG/GEN/166 dated 15 September 2020, in order to secure providing sufficient information<sup>1</sup> for Members.

1.2 The list below exemplifies measures taken by Japan in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic in the agricultural sector, which are based on the "Emergency Economic Measures to Cope with the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)" (Cabinet decision on 20 April 2020).

1.3 The list included in this *ad hoc* report is illustrative and not exhaustive. All the relevant measures will be appropriately notified by the relevant notifications in due course.

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<sup>1</sup> It is noted that this submission is made by referring to documents G/AG/GEN/177 and G/AG/W/209 circulated by Brazil and the Secretariat, respectively, in order to secure conformity with the scope of information provided by other Members.

### AD HOC REPORT ON COVID-19 MEASURES TAKEN BY JAPAN

Measure	Agency	Short Description	Products	Cost of measure (million JPY)	Duration	
					From	To
Emergency support project for ensuring the availability of labor force in agriculture	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)	The program copes with the labor shortage due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in order to maintain agricultural production.	–	4,646	30 April 2020	31 March 2021
Introduction and demonstration of smart agriculture to resolve labor shortage	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)	The program introduces pilot projects using 'smart agriculture' technologies for such crops and regions as vulnerable to labor shortage due to the COVID-19 pandemic.	–	1,046	30 April 2020	31 March 2021
Emergency support special measures project such as fattening cattle management	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)	The program supports fattening cattle producers' management improvement activities in order to cope with the deterioration of their business due to the COVID-19 pandemic.	Beef	30,531	30 April 2020	31 March 2021
Emergency measures business for facilitating distribution of beef calves	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)	The program provides assistance to calf producers who need rescheduled shipments due to the COVID-19 pandemic.	Beef and veal	984	30 April 2020	31 March 2021
Projects to stabilize vegetable prices	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)	The program provides additional funds to the existing program in order to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic.	Vegetables	5,597	30 April 2020	31 March 2021
Priority support for promotion and facility improvement to maintain and strengthen marketing potentials	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)	The program provides assistance to entities improving their facilities in response to the demand shift in markets due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as to their sales promotion activities.	–	15,697	30 April 2020	31 March 2021
Measures to strengthen supply of agricultural and livestock products	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)	The program provides assistance to producer groups and buyers for their continuous and stable supply of agricultural and livestock products, in order to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic.	agricultural and livestock products	14,300	30 April 2020	31 March 2021
Support for production in the next crop season in response to new domestic and overseas demand	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)	The program provides assistance to producers who grow such crops as vegetables, flowers, fruits and tea in the next cropping season, in order to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic.	–	24,190	30 April 2020	31 March 2021

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Support for promoting the use of flowering plants in public facilities	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)	The program supports activities to facilitate expanding the use of flowers in public facilities, in view that flowers has been negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.	Flower	3,197	30 April 2020	31 March 2021
Emergency aid for supporting the inventory of Wagyu beef	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)	The program is an emergency aid that provides assistance to meat wholesalers who have accumulated Wagyu beef inventory due to the COVID-19 pandemic.	Beef and veal	49,986	30 April 2020	31 March 2021
Emergency measures for sales promotion of agricultural products	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)	The program provides assistance to producers' groups and vendors for their sales promotion activities and activities to provide their products to school meal programs, in order to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic.	—	140,037	30 April 2020	31 March 2021

Note:

- 1 The measures are included in the "Emergency Economic Measures to Cope with the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)" (Cabinet decision on 20 April 2020). The text of the cabinet decision (provisional translation in English) is available on the website of the Cabinet Office at: [https://www5.cao.go.jp/keizai1/keizaitaisaku/2020/20200420\\_economic\\_measures\\_all.pdf](https://www5.cao.go.jp/keizai1/keizaitaisaku/2020/20200420_economic_measures_all.pdf).
- 2 '—' (bar) in the 'Products' columns means the program basically does not specify certain products.