

The Ranking of Rice Taste in 2022

The Rice Taste Ranking has been carried out every year on varieties nationwide in Japan since rice produced in 1971.

It is based on a taste sensory test in which cooked white rice is tasted and evaluated.

In the taste sensory test, Koshihikari rice blended from multiple production areas is used as the standard rice, and is compared with rice from various rice production areas nationwide.

In the test, rice that is almost the same taste as the standard rice is evaluated as A', the one particularly better than the standard rice as Special A (hereinafter, "SA") , the good one as A, the slightly inferior one as B and the inferior one as B' respectively.

Table 1 The number of varieties by each ranking category

	SA	A	A'	B	B'	total
2020	53	77	24	0	0	154
2021	42	88	22	0	0	152
2022	40	91	21	0	0	152

Table 2 The Ranking by production area

Prefecture	District	Name	2020	2021	2022
Hokkaido	-	Nanatsuboshi	SA	SA	SA
	-	Yumepirika	SA	SA	SA
	-	Fukkurinko	SA	SA	SA
Aomori	-	Masshigura	A	A'	A
	Tsugaru	Tsugaru-Roman	A	A	A
	Tsugaru	Seiten-No-Hekireki	SA	SA	SA
Iwate	The central part of Iwate Pref.	Hitomebore	A	A	A
	The southern part of Iwate Pref.	Hitomebore	A	A'	A
	The central part of Iwate Pref.	Akitakomachi	A	A	A
	-	Iwatekko	A	A'	A
	The central part of Iwate Pref.	Ginga-No-Shizuku	SA	SA	SA
Miyagi	-	Hitomebore	A	A	A
	-	Tsuyahime	SA	SA	SA
	-	Sasanisiki	A	A	A'
Akita	The northern part of Akita Pref.	Akitakomachi	A	A	A
	The central part of Akita Pref.	Akitakomachi	A	A	A
	The southern part of Akita Pref.	Akitakomachi	A	A	A
	The central part of Akita Pref.	Hitomebore	SA	SA	SA
	The southern part of Akita Pref.	Yumeobako	A	A	A'
Yamagata	Murayama	Haenuki	-	-	A

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	Shonai	Haenuki	A	A	A
	Murayama	Tsuyahime	SA	-	SA
	Okitama	Tsuyahime	-	-	SA
	Shonai	Yukiwakamaru	SA	-	SA
	Okitama	Yukiwakamaru	-	SA	SA
Fukushima	Aizu	Koshihikari	SA	SA	SA
	Nakadori	Koshihikari	SA	A	A
	Hamadori	Koshihikari	SA	A	A'
	-	Ten-No-Tsubu	A	A'	A
	-	Hitomebore	-	-	A
	-	Satoyama-No-Tsubu	-	-	A
Ibaraki	The northern part of Ibaraki Pref.	Koshihikari	A	A	A
	The central part of Ibaraki Pref.	Koshihikari	SA	A	SA
	The southern part of Ibaraki Pref.	Koshihikari	SA	SA	SA
	The western part of Ibaraki Pref.	Koshihikari	A	A	A
	-	Fukumaruru	-	-	A
Tochigi	The northern part of Tochigi Pref.	Koshihikari	A	SA	A
	The southern part of Tochigi Pref.	Asahi-No-Yume	A'	A'	A
	The southern part of Tochigi Pref.	Tochigi-No-Hoshi	A	A	A
	The northern part of Tochigi Pref.	Nasuhikari	A	A	A
Gunma	Tomo	Asahi-No-Yume	A'	A'	A

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	Chumo	Yumematsuri	A'	A'	A
	Hokumo	Koshihikari	SA	A	A
Saitama	The eastern part of Saitama Pref.	Sai-No-Kagayaki	-	-	A
	The eastern part of Saitama Pref.	Koshihikari	A'	A	A
	The northern part of Saitama Pref.	Sai-No-Kizuna	SA	A	A
	The eastern part of Saitama Pref.	Sai-No-Kizuna	A	A	A'
	The western part of Saitama Pref.	Sai-No-Kizuna	SA	SA	SA
Chiba	The northern part of Chiba Pref.	Koshihikari	SA	A	A
	The southern part of Chiba Pref.	Koshihikari	A	SA	A
	The northern/southern part of Chiba Pref.	Fusakogane	A	A'	A'
	The northern/southern part of Chiba Pref.	Fusaotome	A'	A'	A'
Kanagawa	-	Harumi	A	A'	A
Niigata	Joetsu	Koshihikari	SA	SA	SA
	Chuetsu	Koshihikari	A	A	A
	Kaetsu	Koshihikari	SA	A	A
	Iwafune	Koshihikari	A	SA	A
	Uonuma	Koshihikari	SA	SA	SA
	Sado	Koshihikari	A	A	A
	-	Koshiibuki	A'	A	A'
Toyama	-	Koshihikari	A'	A	A
	-	Tenkomori	A	A	A

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	-	Fufufu	A	A	A
Ishikawa	-	Koshihikari	A	A	A
	-	Yumemizuhō	A'	A	A'
Fukui	-	Koshihikari	A	A	A
	-	Hanaechizen	A'	A	A
	-	Ichihomare	SA	A	SA
Yamanashi	Kyohoku	Koshihikari	A	A	A
Nagano	Hokushin	Koshihikari	A	A	A
	Toshin	Koshihikari	SA	A	A
	Nanshin	Koshihikari	SA	A	A
	Chushin	Koshihikari	A	A	A
Gifu	Mino	Hatsushimo	A'	A	A
	Mino	Koshihikari	A	SA	SA
	Hida	Koshihikari	SA	SA	SA
Shizuoka	The eastern part of Shizuoka Pref.	Koshihikari	A	A	A
	The central part of Shizuoka Pref.	Koshihikari	A'	A'	A'
	The western part of Shizuoka Pref.	Koshihikari	A	A'	A'
	The eastern/central/west part of Shizuoka Pref.	Kinumusume	SA	A	A
	The western part of Shizuoka Pref.	Nikomaru	SA	SA	SA
Aichi	-	Aichi-No-Kaori	A	A	A
	-	Koshihikari	A'	A	A'

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	Hilly and mountainous area in Mikawa	Mineasahi	SA	A	SA
Mie	Iga	Koshihikari	A	A	SA
	Hokusei/Chusei/Nansei	Koshihikari	A'	A	A'
Shiga	-	Koshihikari	SA	SA	A
	-	Mizukagami	A	A	A
Kyoto	Tango	Koshihikari	A	A	A
	Tanba	Koshihikari	A	SA	A
	Tanba	Kinuhikari	A'	A	A
	Yamashiro	Hinohikari	A	SA	SA
Hyogo	The northern part of Hyogo Pref.	Koshihikari	SA	SA	A
	The southern part of Hyogo Pref.	Hinohikari	A	A	A
	The southern part of Hyogo Pref.	Kinumusume	SA	A	A
Nara	-	Hinohikari	A	A	A
Wakayama	The northern part of Wakayama Pref.	Kinuhikari	A	A'	A'
	The northern part of Wakayama Pref.	Kinumusume	A	SA	A
Tottori	-	Koshihikari	SA	SA	A
	-	Kinumusume	SA	SA	SA
	-	Hoshizoramai	-	A	SA
Shimane	-	Koshihikari	A	A	A
	-	Kinumusume	A	SA	SA
	-	Tsuyahime	SA	A	A

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Okayama	-	Koshihikari	A	A	A
	-	Kinumusume	SA	SA	SA
	-	Nikomaru	-	-	SA
Hiroshima	-	Koshihikari	-	A	A
	-	Akisakari	-	A	A
	-	Aki-Roman	A	A'	A
	The southern part of Hiroshima Pref.		Koi-No-Yokan	A	SA
Yamaguchi	-	Koshihikari	A	A	A'
	-	Hitomebore	A	A	A
	-	Kinumusume	A	SA	A
Tokushima	The southern part of Tokushima Pref.		A	A'	A'
	The northern part of Tokushima Pref.		A	A'	A
Kagawa	-	Koshihikari	A'	A'	A'
	-	Hinohikari	A	A	A
	-	Oidemai	SA	A	SA
Ehime	-	Koshihikari	A	A	A
	-	Hinohikari	A	A'	SA
	-	Nikomaru	SA	A	SA
	-	Akitakomachi	A	A'	A'
Kochi	-	Koshihikari	A	A	A'
	-	Hinohikari	A	A	A

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	The northern part of Kochi Pref.	Nikomaru	SA	SA	SA
	The western part of Kochi Pref.	Nikomaru	SA	SA	SA
Fukuoka	-	Yumetsukushi	A	A	A
	-	Genkitsukushi	SA	SA	SA
Saga	-	Yumeshizuku	SA	A	A
	-	Sagabiyori	SA	SA	SA
	-	Koshihikari	A'	A	A
Nagasaki	-	Hinohikari	A	A	A
	-	Nikomaru	SA	A	SA
	-	Natsuhonoka	SA	A	A
Kumamoto	The northern part of Kumamoto Pref.	Hinohikari	A	SA	A
	The northern part of Kumamoto Pref.	Mori-No-Kumasan	A	A	A
	The northern part of Kumamoto Pref.	Koshihikari	A	A	A
	The northern part of Kumamoto Pref.	Kumasan-No-Kagayaki	-	-	A
	The southern part of Kumamoto Pref.	Kumasan-No-Kagayaki	-	-	A
Oita	Hohi	Hinohikari	A	A	A
	The western part of Oita Pref.	Hitomebore	A	SA	SA
	-	Tsuyahime	-	-	SA
Miyazaki	Coastal area	Hinohikari	A'	A	A
	Northwest mountainous area	Hinohikari	SA	SA	A
	Kirishima	Hinohikari	SA	SA	A

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	Coastal area	Koshihikari	A'	A'	A'
	-	Otentosodachi	A	A	A
Kagoshima	The northern part of Kagoshima Pref.	Hinohikari	A'	A	A
	The southern part of Kagoshima Pref.	Koshihikari	A'	A'	A'
	The northern part of Kagoshima Pref.	Akihonami	SA	A	A
	The southern part of Kagoshima Pref.	Ikuhikari	A'	A	A'