

# Shortage of domestic vegetables in Japan creates opportunities for Chinese exporters

According to media reports, the import volume of Chinese cabbage, white cabbage, and lettuce is steadily rising as the increasingly high price of Japanese vegetables has caused household expenses to shoot up. The Japanese Ministry of Finance recently published statistical data for January that showed an increase in import volume of 7.8 times for Chinese cabbage, 5.8 times for cabbage, and 1.9 times for lettuce. All of these are measured in comparison with the same period in 2017. Vegetable processing businesses and restaurants have increased their selection and purchase of vegetables.

Domestic production of vegetables in Japan favors leafy vegetables. The price is high and will not come down. Data from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries shows that cabbage, lettuce and Chinese cabbage retail prices (between February 12th and 14th, national price average) are 1.8 to 2.3 times higher than in previous years (price average for the last five years). The vegetable supply to the Japanese market has been insufficient after the typhoon and prolonged period of rain after October and the low temperatures after November.

The import volume of Chinese cabbage in January was 2,213 tons, which is an increase of 7.8 times in comparison with January 2017. The import volume of cabbage has increased with 5.8 times and reached 13,605 tons. A spokesperson for the import trade company LY said that "the pre-order volume of Chinese cabbage is 3 times higher than normal".

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