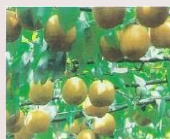


## Agricultural Products



Photos taken from the website of the Kyushu Regional Agricultural Administration Office

- Kumamoto (Kyushu) is known for its abundance of high-quality rice, vegetables, fruits and other agricultural products.
- Particularly noteworthy are Kyushu's tomatoes, strawberries, melons, sweet potatoes, pears, tangerines, and tea.
- Stringent quality control ensures product safety—Continuous quality control efforts are made in pesticide-free production

## Shochu/Sake



Photos taken from the website "Kyushu Tourism Information"

- Kumamoto (Kyushu) is a major production center for Shochu, a distilled alcoholic beverage.
- Shochu is produced from a variety of ingredients, including rice (Kuma Shochu) barley (Iki Shochu), and sweet potatoes (Satsuma Shochu).
- Shochu produced in Kyushu has international brand protection from the WTO's designation of its place of origin.
- Sake is produced mainly in northern and central Kyushu.

## Food Ingredients from Kumamoto (Kyushu)

## Livestock Products/ Fisheries Products

Upper photos taken from the website of the Kyushu Regional Agricultural Administration Office; lower photos taken from the website "Kyushu Tourism Information"

- Branded livestock products: Beef, pork, chicken, and eggs.
- Fisheries products highly evaluated abroad: Yellowtail, mackerel, sea bream, and seaweed

## Processed Food



Photos taken from the website "Kyushu Tourism Information"

- Processed foods made from a variety of livestock/fisheries products in Kyushu using high-quality water

### Examples

- Rich and savory seasoning such as soy source, miso and so on.
- Variety types of sweets, not only Japanese-style but also Western confectionery
- Juice, dairy products, wheat flour
- Noodles featuring pork bone broth



# Kumamoto

- Located at the center of Kyushu Island.
- One of leading farming regions with the 6th largest agricultural output of 47 prefectures in Japan.
- Producing a wide variety of processed food using diverse local ingredients
- Yielding and producing food with abundant groundwater from Aso, a certificated Global Geopark
- Kumamoto City is rare worldwide as it depends on groundwater for its entire water supply



# Kyushu Island

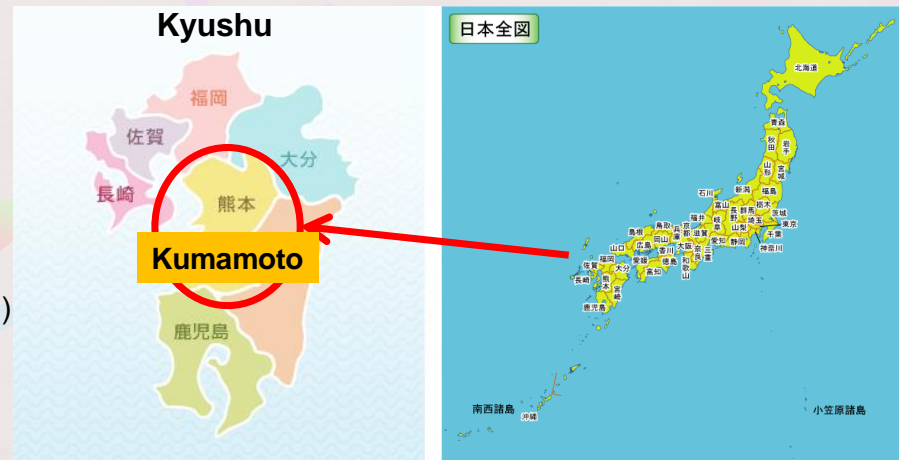
- The gateway to Asia located in the southwestern part of Japan
- One of leading farming regions with US\$1.7 billion agricultural output, which accounts for approximately 20% of the total in Japan.
- Area: 39,599 km<sup>2</sup> (about the same size as Switzerland)
- Population: 13.2 million (approx. 10% of Japan's population)
- Gross regional product: approx. US\$400 billion (equivalent to the GDP of Turkey or Belgium)

# Links

These websites provide information on food culture, natural attractions, and the history of Kumamoto and Kyushu.

Kumamoto Nagomi Tourism Site (Japanese, English, Korean, Chinese)  
<http://kumanago.jp/en/>

Kyushu Tourism Information (Japanese, English, Korean, Chinese)  
<http://www.welcomekyushu.com/>



**Good opportunity to examine a wide range of foods from Kumamoto!**