

Table A1 Chinese Price Level Relative to Japan (1934-36 Japan=1)

Items	Chinese Weight				Japanese weight				Price (in Japanese Yen)				Chinese Price Level		
	U	M	L	Item weight	U	M	L	Item weight	Unit	Japan	China	China/Japan	Chinese Weight	Japanese weight	Fisher average
All													0.654	0.856	0.748
Food	68.65				40.90								0.661	0.778	0.717
Grain		68.48				35.32									
Rice			69.88	32.86			93.26	13.47	1 Kg	0.24	0.16	0.67			
Wheat			30.12	14.16			6.74	0.97	1 Kg	0.21	0.15	0.72			
Vegetables		8.82				8.87									
Soybeans			1.72	0.10			13.87	0.50	1 Kg	0.23	0.12	0.52			
Other beans			7.30	0.44			9.85	0.36	1 Kg	0.19	0.07	0.40			
Potatoes			5.93	0.36			2.90	0.11	1 Kg	0.07	0.03	0.43			
Cabbages			63.05	3.82			43.67	1.58	1 Kg	0.08	0.06	0.76			
fresh vegetables			2.33	0.14			9.90	0.36	1 Kg	0.08	0.04	0.44			
fresh vegetables			9.01	0.55			9.90	0.36	10 monme	0.18	0.13	0.75			
Apple			0.14	0.01			2.48	0.09	100 monme	0.15	0.34	2.26			
Oranges			0.29	0.02			2.48	0.09	100 monme	0.08	0.16	2.03			
Banana			0.09	0.01			2.48	0.09	1 Kg	0.20	0.46	2.32			
Other fruits			10.14	0.61			2.48	0.09	100 monme	0.1	0.16	1.57			
Ingredients		7.41				8.53									
Soy sauce			17.98	0.92			26.97	0.94	1 liter	0.27	0.54	1.98			
Miso			8.00	0.41			17.67	0.62	1 Kg	0.22	0.21	0.94			
Sugar			11.60	0.59			11.46	0.40	1 Kg	0.40	0.71	1.79			
Salt			8.26	0.42			3.50	0.12	1 Kg	0.07	0.23	3.18			
Oil			54.16	2.76			40.40	1.41	1 liter	1.03	0.77	0.74			
Meat and Fish		5.86				13.54									
Pork			38.11	1.53			5.26	0.29	1 0 0 g	0.14	0.05	0.36			
Beef			27.05	1.09			12.78	0.71	1 0 0 g	0.16	0.04	0.26			
Chicken			2.48	0.10			1.95	0.11	1 0 0 g	0.21	0.08	0.39			
Fresh fish			14.92	0.60			20.49	1.13	1 Kg	0.71	0.50	0.70			
Salty fish			3.84	0.15			20.49	1.13	1 Kg	1.15	2.11	1.84			
Other Fisher goods			6.35	0.26			20.49	1.13	1 Kg	0.75	0.22	0.30			
Eggs			5.89	0.24			14.26	0.79	1 Kg	0.62	0.42	0.68			
Milk			1.36	0.05			4.26	0.24	1 bottle	0.37	0.71	1.90			
Others		1.00				23.82									
Sweets			11.70	0.08			25.00	2.44	1 Kg	0.16	0.14	0.87			
Preserved vegetables			21.56	0.15			25.00	2.44	1 Kg	0.16	0.14	0.87			
Tofu			25.13	0.17			25.00	2.44	—J	0.07	0.03	0.52			
Other processed food			41.61	0.29			25.00	2.44	100 monme	0.07	0.07	0.98			
Drinks and Tobacco		8.42				9.92									
Tobacco			51.37	2.97			39.12	1.59	1 packet	0.15	0.18	1.21			
Alcohol			20.94	1.21			48.74	1.98	1 liter	0.85	0.18	0.21			
Tea			27.69	1.60			12.14	0.49	1 0 0 g	0.19	0.22	1.17			
Lighting and Heat	8.32				4.80								0.411	1.363	0.748
Electricity		0.31	100.00	0.03		47.60	100.00	2.28	1 KWH	0.14	0.20	1.87			
Fuel		96.97				48.92		0.00							
Coal			5.99	0.48			11.80	0.28	10Kg	0.27	0.26	0.94			
firewood			77.03	6.22			38.80	0.91	10Kg	0.26	0.09	0.35			
charcoal			1.65	0.13			40.80	0.96	10Kg	0.81	1.14	1.41			
lamp oil			15.32	1.24			8.60	0.20	1kg	0.26	0.32	0.88			
Others match		2.72	100.00	0.23		3.48	100.00	0.17	1packet (	0.06	0.06	0.94			
Clothing and Bedding	8.48				10.71								0.857	0.929	0.892
Clothing		80.28				72.84									
Bleached cotton			79.44	5.41			49.77	3.88	1 roll	0.59	2.10	0.83			
man's white shirt			11.32	0.77			49.77	3.88	1 piece	2.13	2.28	1.07			
cotton			9.24	0.63			0.46	0.04	1Kg	0.98	0.81	0.83			
Personal Items		19.72				27.16									
sports shoes			50.00	0.84			69.73	2.03	1 pair	0.70	1.25	1.78			
umbrella			50.00	0.84			30.27	0.88	1 piece	0.89	0.53	0.60			
Housing	5.29				10.73								0.701	0.569	0.631
Rent		61.61	50.00	1.63		97.30	50.00	5.22	1 room (	5.09	2.736	0.5380531			
carpenter wage			50.00	1.63			50.00	5.22	daily	1.97	1.09	0.55329949			
Furniture		38.39				2.70									
Wooden board			50.00	1.02			50.00	0.14	1 tsubo	1.98	2.01	1.02			
washing basin			50.00	1.02			50.00	0.14	1 piece	0.31	0.56	1.77			
Mis.	9.25				32.86								0.811	0.988	0.895
Trans. Ricksaw wage		4.89	100.00	0.45		6.20	100.00	2.04	daily	2.67	0.62	0.23			
Educa.		1.55				5.83		0.00							
Teacher			100.00	0.14			90.57	1.74	monthly	65.91	45.60	0.69			
Hygiene		9.92				10.40		0.00							
soap			50.00	0.46			50.00	1.71	1 piece	0.09	0.28	2.93			
toothbrush (Tokyo)			50.00	0.46			50.00	1.71	1 piece	0.15	0.27	1.78			
Medicinealcohol		5.82	100.00	0.54		12.80	100.00	4.21	1 bottle	0.83	0.83	1.00			
Enterta Movie		19.15	100.00	1.77		21.27	100.00	6.99	once	0.30	0.23	0.76			
Other Newspapers		58.67	100.00	5.43		43.50	100.00	14.29	1 set	0.05	0.05	0.91			

Source: Yuan (2004).