

# Sweet Spreads in Japan

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Currency fluctuations push up import prices

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Sharp price surge hits imported goods against weak yen Honey leads growth and jam sees further price rises

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Innovative flavours continue to gain traction

Products with no added sugar reshape jam in Japan

Demand for convenience and 'time performance'

## COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

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Consumers cut back due to inflationary pressures

## KEY DATA FINDINGS

## INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

Unit price hikes push value sales in 2025

Convenience demand intensifies, shaping innovation

Surging costs in rice result in consumer shift towards alternatives, impacting preferences in ingredients

# WHAT'S NEXT?

Continued shift away from rice and towards alternative staples

Anticipated rising demand for ingredients suited to pasta and flour-based meals

#### COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Domestic players dominate a highly fragmented landscape

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