



OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 4, 2025

HCR 12 – Wheat Day in Oregon

In honor of the passage of HCR 12, I would like to present you with a bottle of Yamasa Soy Sauce. What does Soy Sauce have to do with Wheat...and honoring Wheat Day in Oregon.

Soy Sauce is made with hard red wheat! And Yamasa USA is right here in Salem, OR!

Yamasa was founded in Japan in 1645. In 1994, Yamasa established operations in Oregon and this year is celebrating 30 years of shipping soy sauce from Salem!

In 2019, Yamasa began working with local farmers, who farm in HD 23, the Ruddenklaus, to source hard red wheat for their soy sauce production. This partnership supports local agriculture and enhances Yamasa's sustainability efforts by reducing carbon emissions. Yamasa's local sourcing led to a 99% reduction in transportation costs, benefiting both the environment and the local economy.

Today, Yamasa continues to work with the local development agency, SEDCOR, who originally attracted them to Oregon in 1994, and is expanding operations by adding more capacity to meet demand and adapt to changing markets.

Enjoy your soy sauce and share with your friends the importance of Oregon agriculture. Share the example of how the Oregon economy thrives when we vertically integrate in Oregon our valuable natural resources.

ありがとうございます (Arigatou Gozaimasu) (Thank you)

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