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Production is obtained chiefly from the Ishikari field in Hokkaido, the Toyokawa and Niitsu fields in Nippon (Honshū), the Shikkoko field in Taiwan (Formosa) being of lesser importance.² The following table, summarized from an official Japanese source, lists the fields:

OIL FIELDS OF JAPAN					Annual Production, Barrels	
Island	Prefecture	Province	Field	No. Wells		
Hokkaido		Sōya	Masuhoro ...	10	99	71,237
		Ishikari	Ishikari	59		
		Yufutsu	Iburi	30		
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Nippon (Honshū)	Akita	Minimi-Akita	Toyokawa ...	412	1,146	713,769
			Kurokawa ...	230		
	Yuri		Asahikawa	257		
			Katsurane ...	241		
			Hanekawa ...			
			Katte			
			Uchimichikawa			
	Tanaka					
	Yamamoto		Oguni	6		
			Hibiki			
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Niigata		Nakakambara	Niitsu	812	2,174	861,524
			Minimikambara	Omo		
		Santō	Nonokaichi ..	77		
		Koshi	Higoshiyama .	599		
		Santō	Amaze	22		
		Karihu	Miyagawa ...	—		
			Nishiyama ...	437		
		Higoshikubiki	Takamachi ..	25		
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Taiwan (Formosa)	Shinchiku		Shikkoko	29	29	113,547
				Totals (1927) ..	3,448	1,760,077

The total production from the commencement of development is probably about 60,000,000 barrels. Reserves of petroleum in unexhausted horizons of present producing fields were estimated by Redfield to be about 56,000,000

² Chitani, Yoshinosuke (Geologist, Imperial Japanese Geological Survey), "Petroleum Resources of Japan." Trans. Tokyo Sectional Meeting, World Power Conference, Paper No. 22, Volume 1, pp. 433-447, 1929.