

Season			1994	Meaning
Spring	Mōshun 孟春 (the first month of spring)	Risshun 立春	04/Feb	The first day of spring, and also of the year.
		Usui 雨水	19/Feb	The period when ice and snow melt, and the beginning of rainfall, as opposed to snow.
	Chūshun 仲春 (the second month of spring)	Keichitsu 啓蟄	06/Mar	The period when insects emerge from hibernation underground.
		Shunbun 春分	21/Mar	The vernal equinox
	Kishun 季春 (the third month of spring)	Seimei 清明	05/Apr	<i>Seimei</i> indicates the purity and vigor of spring.
		Kokū 穀雨	20/Apr	The fields receive a good soaking ; the period is suitable for planting.
Summer	Mōka 孟夏 (the first month of summer)	Rikka 立夏	06/May	The beginning of summer.
		Shōman 小滿	21/May	<i>Shōman</i> means all things grow up gradually and ripen. The period when the various plants bear fruit.
	Chūka 仲夏 (the second month of summer)	Bōshu 芒種	06/Jun	<i>Bōshu</i> means aristate grains are planted. The period when the early summer rain continues.
		Geshi 夏至	21/Jun	The summer solstice. The period in the midst of the rainy season.
	Kika 季夏 (the third month of summer)	Shōsho 小暑	07/Jul	The beginning of the summer heat, and the end of the rainy season.
		Taisho 大暑	23/Jul	Midsummer. It sometimes rains heavily and becomes muggy.
Autumn	Mōshū 孟秋 (the first month of autumn)	Risshū 立秋	08/Aug	The first day of autumn.
		Shosho 処暑	23/Aug	The period when summer's heat begins to ease up, and the cool wind of the early autumn blows.
	Chūshū 仲秋 (midautumn)	Hakuro 白露	08/Sep	<i>Hakuro</i> means the morning dew. The period when the real autumn comes.
		Shūbun 秋分	23/Sep	The autumnal equinox.
	Kishū 季秋 (the third month of autumn)	Kanro 寒露	08/Oct	<i>Kanro</i> means the dews form on the wild grass. The period of the late autumn.
		Sōkō 霜降	24/Oct	<i>Sōkō</i> means there is frost. The period when winter is coming and the beginning of the autumn colors.

Winter	Mōtō 孟冬 (the first month of winter)	Rittō 立冬	08/Nov	The first day of winter
		Shōsetsu 小雪	22/Nov	The first day of snow. <i>Shōsetsu</i> means the mountaintops become white with snow.
	Chūtō 仲冬 (the second month of winter)	Taisetsu 大雪	07/Dec	<i>Taisetsu</i> means ridges are covered with snow. The period when the real winter comes.
		Tōji 冬至	22/Dec	The winter solstice.
	Kitō 季冬 (the third month of winter)	Shōkan 小寒	05/Jan	The beginning of midwinter.
		Daikan 大寒	20/Jan	The depth of winter. After this day, spring is coming close day by day.