

List of Nijūshi sekki

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

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