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Report Highlights:

Burma exported 98,910 metric tons (MT) of beans and pulses in April, an increase of 22 percent from the same period in 2011. Of this total, 67 percent went to India or 66,616 MT, followed by Singapore with 11 percent or 10,782 MT, and Vietnam five percent or 4,992 MT. Year-to-date exports for 2012 are 491,483 MT, 46 percent greater than last year with 336,999 MT.

General Information:

Burma's beans and pulses exports in April, 2012 totaled 98,910 MT, up 22 percent from 81,307 MT in April 2011. Matpe (black gram) accounted for 42 percent of the total exports, followed by mung bean 24 percent and toor whole 14 percent. Year –to-date exports for 2012 are 491,483 MT, 46 percent greater than last year with 336,999 MT. India and Singapore were the largest buyers accounting for 66,616 MT or 67 percent, and 10,782 MT or 11 percent of total exports, respectively.

Table 1. Beans and Pulses Exports by Types and Destination in April, 2012 (MT)

Country	Butter	Matpe	Mung	Toor	Whole	Other	Total
India		35,266	8212		12,735	10,403	66,616
Singapore	153	3,119	4,739		1,155	1,616	10,782
Vietnam		986	3,214			792	4,992
Indonesia		1,203	3,451		72	244	4,970
Malaysia	132	595	725		32	413	1,897
Japan	1,290	82	120			256	1,748
Pakistan		240	72			1,368	1,680
Philippines	150		1,005			165	1,320
China	528		676			41	1,245
Thailand		453	423		32	215	1,123
Venezuela			336		240	408	984
UAE		9	207		48	133	397
Switzerland			72			192	264
Korea						224	224
Ivory course			216			0	216
Russia						168	168
Ireland			120			0	120
Georgia			120			0	120
Jordan						44	44
Total	2,253	41,953	23,708		14,314	16,682	98,910

Other category includes kidney, bamboo, black eye, sultani, gram, chickpea and brown beans

Table 2. Monthly Export of Pulses and Beans for 2012 (MT).

Months	2011	Cumulative Total	2012	Cumulative Total
	Monthly		Monthly	
January	81,145	81,145	92,621	92,621
February	87,418	168,563	141,008	233,629
March	87,129	255,692	158,944	392,573

April	81,307	336,999	98,910	491,483
May	156,987	493,986		
June	151,929	645,915		
July	198,514	844,429		
August	152,261	996,690		
September	153,963	1,150,653		
October	70,941	1,221,594		
November	64,104	1,285,698		
December	72,855	1,358,553		
Total	1,358,553		491,483	

Export prospects

Beans and pulses are currently being harvested and are expected to peak from May to September. Month to month exports of beans and pulses were greater than last year as exports increased 22 percent from 81,307 MT in 2011 to 98,910 MT in 2012 due to strong demand from India. Year –to-date exports for 2012 are 491,483 MT, 46 percent greater than last year with 336,999 MT. Production continues to increase as farmers have shifted their cultivation preference to beans and pulses from rice during the summer season, as these have generated higher returns. It is expected that total production this year will be 4.7 MMT a 6 percent increase from 2011.

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