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### **Beans and Pulses Monthly Report December 2011**

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**Report Highlights:**

BM1027 Burma exported 72,855 metric tons (MT) of beans and pulses in December, a decrease of 38 percent from the same period in 2010 with 64 percent going to India or 46,390 MT, followed by Singapore with 18 percent or 12,956 MT, and China seven percent or 5,176 MT. Additionally, 34 percent of the total mung bean exports or 5,056 MT were traded with China through border trade.

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Burma's beans and pulses exports in December, 2011 totaled 72,855MT, down 38 percent from 117,453 MT in December 2010. Toor whole accounted for 45 percent of the total exports, followed by Matpe (black gram) 31 percent, and mung bean 21 percent. India and Singapore were the largest buyers accounting for 46,390 MT or 64 percent and 12,956 MT or 18 percent of total exports, respectively. Additionally, 34 percent of the total mung bean exports or 5,056 MT were traded with China through border trade.

Table 1. Beans and Pulses Exports by Types and Destination in December, 2011 (MT)

Country	Butter	Matpe	Mung	Toor	Whole	Other	Total
India		12,556	4766		28,357	711	46,390
Singapore	63	6,626	2,101		3,591	575	12,956
China	96	24	5,056			0	5,176
Thailand		449	1,034		110	186	1,779
Malaysia		1,269	335		11	42	1,657
Vietnam		672	720			48	1,440
UAE		192	287		480	98	1,057
Philippines			499			196	695
Indonesia		265	198		120	24	607
Korea	63					529	592
Japan		122	60			84	266
Russia						168	168
Sirilanka		48				0	48
Brazil			24			0	24
<b>Total</b>	222	22,223	15,080		32,669	2,661	72,855

Table 2. Monthly Export of Pulses and Beans for 2010-2011.

Months	2010		2011	
	Monthly	Cumulative Total	Monthly	Cumulative Total
January	64,576	64,576	81,145	81,145
February	125,428	190,004	87,418	168,563
March	133,315	323,319	87,129	255,692

April	57,379	380,698	81,307	336,999
May	69,025	449,723	156,987	493,986
June	79,447	529,170	151,929	645,915
July	72,910	602,080	198,514	844,429
August	72,791	674,871	152,261	996,690
September	70,381	745,252	153,963	1,150,653
October	63,587	808,839	70,941	1,221,594
November	46,277	855,116	64,104	1,285,698
December	117,453	972,569	72,855	1,358,553
<b>Total</b>	972,569		1,358,553	

Average exchange rate in December: one US\$= Kyat 806

### **Export prospects**

The trading environment has been looking up for exporters as the kyat reversed its upward trend against the dollar since September by depreciating 15 percent from ks 700/dollar to ks 806/dollar. However, the kyat still remains 20 percent higher with respect to the dollar since the beginning of the year.

Calendar year exports of beans and pulses increased 40 percent from 972,569 MT in 2010 to 1,358,553 MT in 2011 as farmers have been shifting their cultivation preference to beans and pulses from rice during the summer season, as these have been generating higher returns. Calendar year exports for 2011 were 1.36 MMT closely in line with Post's forecast of 1.4 million MT.

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