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Report Highlights:

Burma exported 141,008 metric tons (MT) of beans and pulses in February, an increase of 61 percent from the same period in 2011. Of this total 61 percent went to India or 86,537 MT, followed by Singapore with 13 percent or 17,963 MT, and Vietnam eight percent or 11,675 MT. Additionally, seven percent of the total mung bean exports or 3,629 MT were traded with China with 3476 MT and Thailand 153 MT through border trade.

General Information:

Trade

Burma's beans and pulses exports in February, 2012 totaled 141,008 MT, up 61 percent from 87,418 MT in February 2011. Mung bean accounted for 36 percent of the total exports, followed by toor whole 33 percent and matpe (black gram) 24 percent. India and Singapore were the largest buyers accounting for 86,537 MT or 61 percent and 17,963 MT or 13 percent of total exports, respectively. Additionally, seven percent of the total mung bean exports or 3,629 MT were traded with China 3,476 MT and Thailand 143 MT through border trades.

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

Country	Butter	Matpe	Mung	Toor	Whole	Other	Total
India		25,983	15063		42,669	2,822	86,537
Singapore	145	3,887	7,323		4,247	2,361	17,963
Vietnam		1,032	9,755			888	11,675
China	40	103	7,540			101	7,784
Philippines		25	4,065			303	4,393
Indonesia		961	2,965			192	4,118
Malaysia		1,088	1,746		53	306	3,193
Thailand		604	800		91	148	1,643
UAE		240	587			169	996
Pakistan			168			585	753
Japan	693					21	714
Korea						579	579
Venezuela		240	144			0	384
Poland			46			0	46
Portuguese						46	46
Netherland						46	46
Saudi Arabia						46	46
Check Republic						45	45
Australia		24				0	24
Guadeloupe						23	23
Total	878	34,187	50,202		47,060	8,681	141,008

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

Table 2. Monthly Export of Pulses and Beans for 2011-2012.

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		
April	81,307	336,999		
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		233,629	

Export prospects

Beans and pulses are currently being harvested and are expected to peak from May to September. It is expected that total production this year will be 4.7 MMT a 6 percent increase from 2011. Month to month exports of beans and pulses increased 61 percent from 87,418MT in 2011 to 141,008 MT in 2012 due to strong demand from China and India. On the other hand, farmers have shifted their cultivation preference to beans and pulses from rice during the summer season, as these have generated higher returns.

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