

USDA Foreign Agricultural Service

GAIN Report

Global Agricultural Information Network

THIS REPORT CONTAINS ASSESSMENTS OF COMMODITY AND TRADE ISSUES MADE BY
USDA STAFF AND NOT NECESSARILY STATEMENTS OF OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT
POLICY

Voluntary Public

Date: 3/6/2012

GAIN Report Number: 1028

Burma - Union of

Post: Rangoon

Beans and Pulses Monthly Report January 2012

Report Categories:

Grain and Feed

Approved By:

Prepared By:

Tun Winn

Report Highlights:

Report Highlights:

Burma exported 92,621 metric tons (MT) of beans and pulses in January, an increase of 14 percent from the same period in 2011 with 70 percent going to India or 65,225 MT, followed by Singapore with 14 percent or 12,770 MT, and China four percent or 3,772 MT. Additionally, 16 percent of the total mung bean exports or 2,596 MT were traded with China through border trade.

**General Information:
Trade**

Burma's beans and pulses exports in January, 2012 totaled 92,621 MT, up 14 percent from 81,145 MT in January 2011. Toor whole accounted for 48 percent of the total exports, followed by matpe (black gram) 30 percent, and mung bean 18 percent. India and Singapore were the largest buyers accounting for 65,225 MT or 70 percent and 12,770 MT or 14 percent of total exports, respectively. Additionally, 16 percent of the total mung bean exports or 2,596 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		19,435	5594	39,304	892	65,225
Singapore	20	4,491	4,053	3,524	682	12,770
China	48	240	3,412		72	3,772
Thailand		879	900	120	430	2,329
Indonesia		334	533	912	233	2,012
Vietnam		672	1,143	120	0	1,935
Malaysia		1,160	615	58	56	1,889
Korea	42				560	602
Philippines	75	50	322		123	570
UAE		360	120	24	0	504
Japan	294	60			40	394
Russia					288	288
Pakistan		120			123	243
Saudi Arabia					48	48
Guadalupe		8			16	24
Australia		11	4	1	0	16
Total	479	27,820	16,696	44,063	3,563	92,621

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

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

Months	2011		2012	
	Monthly	Cumulative Total	Monthly	Cumulative Total
January	81,145	81,145	92,621	92,621
February	87,418	168,563		
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		92,621	

Export prospects

Beans and pulses are currently being harvested and exports 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, however exports will increase 17 percent due to strong demand from China and India. Month to month exports of beans and pulses increased 15 percent from 81,145 MT in 2011 to 92,621 MT in 2012. The increase in production is a result of farmers shifting their cultivation preference away from rice and unto beans and pulses during the summer season, as these have generated higher returns.

END REPORT

