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### **Beans and Pulses Monthly Report March 2012**

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**Report Highlights:**

Burma exported 158,944 metric tons (MT) of beans and pulses in March, an increase of 82 percent from the same period in 2011. Of this total, 59 percent went to India or 93,892 MT, followed by Singapore with 15 percent or 23,811 MT, and Vietnam five percent or 8,568 MT. Additionally, two percent of the total mung bean exports or 804 MT were traded with China through border trade.

**General Information:**  
**Trade**

Burma's beans and pulses exports in March, 2012 totaled 158,944 MT, up 82 percent from 87,129 MT in March 2011. Mung bean accounted for 34 percent of the total exports, followed by matpe (black gram) 30 percent and toor whole 19 percent. India and Singapore were the largest buyers accounting for 93,892 MT or 59 percent, and 23,811 MT or 15 percent of total exports, respectively. Additionally, two percent of the total mung bean exports or 804 MT were traded with China through border trades.

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

Country	Butter	Matpe	Mung	Toor	Whole	Other	Total
India		35,344	17,459		25,877	15,212	93,892
Singapore	235	7,076	9,368		3,378	3,754	23,811
Vietnam		672	6,216			1,680	8,568
Indonesia		1,252	4,985		120	336	6,693
Malaysia	48	1,862	3,148		33	373	5,464
China	300	360	4,069			173	4,902
Philippines	25		4,612			229	4,866
Venezuela			2,448			504	2,952
Pakistan		408			480	1,056	1,944
Thailand		579	771		180	282	1,812
Japan	317	60	163			391	931
Korea						929	929
UAE		383	264		21	198	866
Ivory course			480			0	480
Egypt						216	216
UK			120			0	120
Sweden			120			0	120
USA			72			0	72
New Zealand						72	72
Guadalupe		48				23	71
Poland			46			0	46
Spain						46	46
Italy						23	23
Saudi Arabia			20			0	20
Turkey		9				5	14
Australia		13	1			0	14
Total	925	48,066	54,362		30,089	25,502	158,944

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

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

Months	2011		2012	
	Monthly	Cumulative Total	Monthly	Cumulative Total
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		
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		
<b>Total</b>	1,358,553		392,573	

### 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 increased 82 percent from 87,129 MT in 2011 to 158,944 MT in 2012 due to strong demand from India. 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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