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Report Highlights:

Burma exported 209,040 metric tons (MT) of beans and pulses in May, an increase of 33 percent from the same period in 2011. Of this total, 60 percent went to India or 125,671 MT, followed by Singapore with 14 percent or 29,752 MT, and Vietnam six percent or 13,259 MT. Year-to-date exports for 2012 are 700,523 MT, 42 percent greater than last year's 493,986 MT.

General Information:

Burma’s beans and pulses exports in May, 2012 totaled 209,040 MT, up 33 percent from 156,987 MT in May 2011. Matpe (black gram) accounted for 44 percent of the total exports, followed by mung bean 24 percent and toor whole 17 percent. Year –to-date exports for 2012 are 700,523 MT, 42 percent greater than last year with 493,986 MT. India and Singapore were the largest buyers accounting for 125,671 MT or 60 percent, and 29,752 MT or 14 percent of total exports, respectively.

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

Country	Butter	Matpe	Mung	Toor	Whole	Other	Total
India		67,533	5457		31,563	21,118	125,671
Singapore	97	15,703	7,865		2,576	3,511	29,752
Vietnam		992	10,004			2,263	13,259
China	212	480	9,347			71	10,110
Indonesia		1,973	7,254			24	9,251
Malaysia	108	1,166	2,049		122	645	4,090
Japan	2,215	929	551			169	3,864
Venezuela			3,620			48	3,668
Thailand		1,015	1,238		238	348	2,839
Philippines			1,933			562	2,495
UAE		552	144		600	0	1,296
Korea	63		294			529	886
Pakistan		264				528	792
Bangladesh		420				0	420
Egypt						312	312
Russia						120	120
Guadalupe		58	15			0	73
Bulgaria		50				0	50
Switzerland						45	45
French						23	23
Ireland			14			0	14
Australia		6			4	0	10
Total	2,695	91,141	49,785		35,103	30,316	209,040

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		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	98,910	491,483
May	156,987	493,986	209,040	700,523
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		700,523	

Export prospects

Month to month exports of beans and pulses were greater than last year as exports increased 33 percent from 156,987 MT in 2011 to 209,040 MT in 2012 due to strong demand from India. Year –to-date exports for 2012 are 700,523 MT, 42 percent greater than last year with 493,986 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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