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

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**Report Highlights:**

Burma exported 64,104 metric tons (MT) of beans and pulses in November, an increase of 39 percent from the same period in 2010, with 66 percent going to India or 42,348 MT, followed by Singapore with 19 percent or 12,049 MT, and China five percent or 3,458 MT. Additionally, 31 percent of the total mung bean exports or 3,410 MT were traded with China through border trade.

## General Information:

### Trade

Burma's beans and pulses exports in November, 2011 totaled 64,104 MT, up 39 percent from 46,277 MT in November 2010. Toor whole accounted for 48 percent of the total exports followed by, Matpe (black gram) 31 percent and mung bean 17 percent. India and Singapore were the largest buyers accounting for 42,348 MT or 66 percent and 12,049 MT or 19 percent of total exports, respectively. Additionally, 31 percent of the total mung bean exports or 3,410 MT were traded with China through border trade.

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

Country	Butter	Matpe	Mung	Toor	Whole	Other	Total
India		13,047	4274		24,689	338	42,348
Singapore		4,586	1,714		4,946	803	12,049
China		48	3,410			0	3,458
Thailand		836	340		126	128	1,430
Vietnam		768	285			101	1,154
Malaysia	24	471	468		80	37	1,080
UAE		264	120		266	0	650
Philippines			473			173	646
Indonesia			72		240	63	375
Korea						346	346
Pakistan						196	196
Russia						168	168
Ireland					120	0	120
Japan		20				21	41
Australia		23				0	23
Sweden		20					20
<b>Total</b>	24	20,083	11,156		30,467	2,374	64,104

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	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		
<b>Total</b>	972,569		1,285,698	

Average exchange rate in November: one US\$= Kyat 800

### **Export prospects**

The trading environment has been looking up for exporters as the kyat reversed its upward trend against the dollar since September, at ks 800/dollar, unmoved since October.

Year to date exports of beans and pulses have increased 50 percent from 855,116 MT in 2010 to 1,285,698 MT in 2011 and a 32 percent overall increase from last year's exports. The outlook for annual exports for 2011 was forecasted at 1 million MT, however production and border trade with China remain strong, and exporters are unwilling to hold on to new stocks due to a strong kyat, as such Post has revised exports upwards to 1.4 MMT.

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