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## **Beans and Pulses Monthly Trade - October**

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**Report Highlights:**

Burma exported 125,893 metric tons of pulses in October 2013, an increase of 14 percent from the same period last year. Export prices for Myanmar's beans and pulses strengthened in October due to demand from India. Export demand for pulses is likely to be strong until mid- February 2014.

## Trade

Burma's bean and pulse exports in October 2013 totaled 125,893 metric tons (MT), an increase of 14 percent from the same period in 2012 (Table 2) due to heavy demand from India. Matpe (black gram) accounted for 78 percent of total exports in October followed by Toor Whole at 17 percent, and Mung beans at 4 percent, respectively. By country, India accounted for 80 percent of total exports followed by Vietnam with 4 percent, and China with 3.5 percent.

**Table1. Beans and Pulses Exports by Types and Destination in October 2013 (MT)**

| Designation          | Butter     | Matpe         | Mung         | Toor Whole<br>(Pigeon<br>Beans) | Others       | Total          |
|----------------------|------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| USA                  |            | 68            | 80           | 8                               | 69           | 225            |
| Bangladesh           |            | 240           |              |                                 |              | 240            |
| Belgium              |            |               |              |                                 | 20           | 20             |
| Canada               |            |               |              | 42                              |              | 42             |
| China                |            | 2,928         | 141          | 1,344                           | 34           | 4,447          |
| France               |            | 144           |              |                                 |              | 144            |
| Hong Kong            |            | 75            |              |                                 |              | 75             |
| India                |            | 82,309        | 71           | 18,009                          | 24           | 100,412        |
| Indonesia            |            | 50            | 269          |                                 |              | 319            |
| Ireland              |            | 192           | 24           |                                 |              | 216            |
| Japan                | 42         | 642           | 252          |                                 | 60           | 996            |
| Kenya                |            | 120           |              |                                 | 48           | 168            |
| Korea, republic of   |            | 414           | 25           |                                 | 258          | 697            |
| Malaysia             |            | 1,156         | 513          | 61                              | 109          | 1,838          |
| Nepal                |            | 120           |              |                                 |              | 120            |
| Netherlands          |            | 132           | 6            | 7                               | 25           | 170            |
| New Zealand          |            | 9             | 9            | 7                               |              | 24             |
| Pakistan             |            | 503           |              |                                 | 22           | 525            |
| Philippines          |            |               | 374          |                                 | 24           | 398            |
| Saudi Arabia         |            | 23            | 63           | 5                               | 48           | 139            |
| Singapore            | 74.87      | 1,619         | 793          | 849                             | 249          | 3,584          |
| Sweden               |            | 16            | 6            | 75                              | 2            | 99             |
| Thailand             |            | 1,870         | 151          |                                 | 26           | 2,047          |
| United Arab Emirates |            | 3,013         | 73           | 648                             |              | 3,734          |
| United Kingdom       |            | 72            |              |                                 |              | 72             |
| Vietnam              |            | 3,074         | 2,020        |                                 | 48           | 5,142          |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>117</b> | <b>98,789</b> | <b>4,869</b> | <b>21,054</b>                   | <b>1,065</b> | <b>125,893</b> |

Other categories include kidney, bamboo, black eye, sultani, chick pea brown beans and various beans.

**Table 2. Monthly Export of Beans and Pulses (MT)**

| <b>Month</b> | <b>2012</b>      | <b>2013</b>    |
|--------------|------------------|----------------|
| January      | 92,621           | 105,240        |
| February     | 141,008          | 107,369        |
| March        | 158,944          | 124,895        |
| April        | 98,910           | 84,278         |
| May          | 209,040          | 85,802         |
| June         | 155,490          | 82,257         |
| July         | 267,010          | 90,434         |
| August       | 71,098           | 87,167         |
| September    | 79,215           | 71,274         |
| October      | 110,498          | 125,893        |
| November     | 80,369           |                |
| December     | 122,068          |                |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1,586,271</b> | <b>964,610</b> |

### **Market Situation**

Although domestic prices for beans and pulses declined in the first week of October, trade sources reported that prices rose after the market reacted to the news of short supplies in India due to heavy September floods. U Myat Soe of the Myanmar Pulses, Beans and Sesame Seeds Merchants' Association stated that the flood wiped out more than 70 percent of India's total bean supplies in the fields. As a result, export prices for Black Matpe beans in Yangon increased sharply to \$630 MT in the last week of October compared to \$560-580/MT in first week of October. Domestic prices for Matpe, Mung Beans, and Tool Whole also increased on the same basis by 9-10 percent from September's level.

Due to the floods, the Myanmar Pulses, Beans, and Sesame Association forecasted that export demand in India is likely to continue to be strong until mid- February 2014 when the new bean crop production in Myanmar enters the market.

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