

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: 9/2/2011

GAIN Report Number: BM1017

Burma - Union of

Post: Rangoon

Beans and Pulses Monthly Trade Report - July

Report Categories:

Grain and Feed

Approved By:

John Wade, Agricultural Counselor

Prepared By:

Tun Winn, Agricultural Specialist

Report Highlights:

Burma exported 198,514 metric tons (MT) of beans and pulses in July, an increase of 172 percent from the same period in 2010, with 42 percent going to India or 82,805 MT, followed by China with 41 percent or 80,452 MT, and Singapore 11 percent or 22,157 MT. Additionally, 90 percent of the total mung bean exports or 80,186 MT were traded with China through border trade.

Trade

Burma's beans and pulses exports in July, 2011 totaled 198,514 MT, up 40 percent from 72,910 MT in July 2010. Most of the shipments were destined to India followed by China and Singapore. Mung bean accounting for 45 percent of the total exports followed by matpe (black gram) 36 percent of the total export and toor whole 11 percent. India and China were the largest buyers accounting for 82,805 MT or 42 percent and 80,452 MT or 41 percent of total exports, respectively. Additionally, 90 percent of the total mung bean exports or 80,186 MT were traded with China through border trade.

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

Country	Butter	Matpe	Mung	Toor Whole	Other	Total
India	42	53,223	3,006	18,212	8,322	82,805
China	92	120	80,186		54	80,452
Singapore	144	11,774	2,957	3,393	3,889	22,157
Malaysia		1,780	631	53	226	2,690
Japan	1,164	855			197	2,216
UAE		1,130	314	48	0	1,492
Vietnam		1,272	192		0	1,464
Philippines	48		1,174		146	1,368
Thailand		630	428	83	188	1,329
Indonesia			416	408	97	921
Pakistan		360			96	456
Venezuela		384			0	384
Korea	73				304	377
Turaki		24			240	264
USA		56	25	12	0	93
UK			24		0	24
Kuwait					22	22
Total	1,563	71,608	89,353	22,209	13,781	198,514

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		
September	70,381	745,252		
October	63,587	808,839		
November	46,277	855,116		
December	117,453	972,569		
Total	972,569		844,429	

Average exchange rate in June: one US\$= Kyat 760

Export prospects

The kyat continues to strengthen against the dollar with a 2.6 percent increase in July from ks 780/dollar in June to ks 760/dollar in July or 32 percent year-over year. To be able to relieve the burden of strengthening kyats, this month the government reduced the export tax to 3 percent from 10 percent.

Since it is the peak time of harvest for the mung bean in upper Burma, almost all the stocks go to the Chinese border. As traders encounter a strong kyat, they are no longer holding stocks from the February and March harvest in order to reduce their exposure towards a strengthening kyat. In addition, they are fulfilling their committed export quotas with the Burmese government as fast as they can. Year to date exports of beans and pulses increased 40 percent from 602,080 MT in 2010 to 844,429 MT in 2011.

During the 7 months of 2011, total exports have reached 0.84 million metric tons accounting for 87 percent of last year's exports. The outlook for annual exports for 2011 is expected 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 strengthening kyat, as such Post has revised exports upwards to 1.2 MMT.

End of Report.