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Report Highlights:

Burma exported 70,941 metric tons (MT) of beans and pulses in October, an increase of 12 percent from the same period in 2010, with 69 percent going to India or 48,878 MT, followed by Singapore with 16 percent or 11,479 MT, and China five percent or 3,759 MT. Additionally, 35 percent of the total mung bean exports or 3,687 MT were traded with China through border trade.

**General Information:
Trade**

Burma's beans and pulses exports in October, 2011 totaled 70,941 MT, up 12 percent from 63,587 MT in October 2010. Matpe (black gram) accounted for 57 percent of the total exports followed by toor whole 21 percent, and mung bean 15 percent. India and Singapore were the largest buyers accounting for 48,878 MT or 69 percent and 11,479 MT or 16 percent of total exports, respectively. Additionally, 35 percent of the total mung bean exports or 3,687 MT were traded with China through border trade.

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

Country	Butter	Matpe	Mung	Toor	Whole	Other	
India		30,773	3077		13,254	1,774	48,878
Singapore		6,596	1,764		1,861	1,258	11,479
China		72	3,687			0	3,759
Thailand		782	541		18	257	1,598
Malaysia		922	239		67	61	1,289
Philippines	140	14	517			444	1,115
Vietnam		265	386			96	747
UAE		432	48			7	487
Japan		260				165	425
Korea						345	345
Indonesia	36	62				138	236
Russia						192	192
Switzerland			120			0	120
Pakistan						72	72
Sirilanka		24				24	48
Chad						45	45
French					24	0	24
Greece		10	14			0	24
Brazil		7	17			0	24
Lao		24				0	24
Hongkong						10	10
Turaki						0	0
Total	176	40,243	10,410		15,224	4,888	70,941

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		
December	117,453	972,569		
Total	972,569		1,221,594	

Average exchange rate in October: 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, as it continues decreasing in value from ks 796/dollar in September to ks 800/dollar in October.

Year to date exports of beans and pulses increased 51 percent from 808,839 MT in 2010 to 1,221,594 MT in 2011 and a 26 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 1.3 MMT.

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