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Report Highlights:

Burma exported 151,929 metric tons (MT) of beans and pulses in June, an increase of 91 percent from the same period in 2010, with 55 percent going to India or 83,149 MT, followed by China with 20 percent or 30,807 MT, and Singapore 13 percent or 20,226 MT. Additionally, 72 percent of the total mung bean or 28,229 MT were traded with China through border trade.

Trade

Burma's beans and pulses exports in June, 2011 totaled 151,929 MT, up 91 percent from 79,447 MT in June 2010. Most of the shipments were destined to India with matpe (black gram) accounting for 50 percent of the total exports, followed by mung bean (green gram) 26 percent and toor whole 14 percent. India and China were the largest buyers accounting for 83,149 MT or 55 percent and 30,807 MT or 20 percent of total exports, respectively.

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

| Country | Butter | Matpe | Mung | Toor | Whole | Other | Total |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| India | 23 | 57,357 | 412 | | 18,823 | 6,534 | 83,149 |
| China | 448 | 48 | 30,239 | | | 72 | 30,807 |
| Singapore | 48 | 11,729 | 3,751 | | 2,491 | 2,207 | 20,226 |
| Japan | 1,854 | 844 | 122 | | | 375 | 3,195 |
| Malaysia | 72 | 1,870 | 423 | | 19 | 206 | 2,590 |
| Thailand | | 1,430 | 701 | | 39 | 279 | 2,449 |
| Vietnam | | 1,524 | 228 | | | 666 | 2,418 |
| Indonesia | 72 | 546 | 1,556 | | | 0 | 2,174 |
| Philippines | 113 | 24 | 1,751 | | | 135 | 2,023 |
| Pakistan | | | | | | 864 | 864 |
| Korea | | | 120 | | | 736 | 856 |
| UAE | | 566 | 11 | | 36 | 122 | 735 |
| Turaki | | | | | | 120 | 120 |
| Egypt | | | | | | 75 | 75 |
| Saudi Arabia | | 24 | | | 24 | 23 | 71 |
| UK | | 14 | 30 | | 3 | 0 | 47 |
| Russia | | | | | | 47 | 47 |
| Chad | | | | | | 45 | 45 |
| Poland | | | 23 | | | 0 | 23 |
| Sweden | | 3 | | | 12 | 0 | 15 |
| Total | 2,630 | 75,979 | 39,367 | | 21,447 | 12,506 | 151,929 |

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 | | |
| 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 | | 645,915 | |

Average exchange rate in June: one US\$= Kyat 780

Export prospects

The kyat continues to strengthen against the dollar with a 5.6 percent increase in June from ks 826/dollar in May to ks 780/dollar in June or 22 percent year-over year. 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 22 percent from 529,170 MT in 2010 to 645,915 MT in 2011.

During the first 6 months of 2011 total exports have reached 0.65 million metric tons, the outlook for annual exports for 2011 is expected at 1 million MT, however it remains to see how the kyat behaves with respect to the dollar in order for Burmese beans and pulses to remain competitive.

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