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### **Beans and Pulses Monthly Trade Report - August**

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**Report Highlights:**

Burma exported 152,261 metric tons (MT) of beans and pulses in August, an increase of 109 percent from the same period in 2010, with 50 percent going to India or 76,012 MT, followed by China with 28 percent or 42,486 MT, and Singapore 16 percent or 24,203 MT. Additionally, 70 percent of the total mung bean exports or 41,423 MT were traded with China through border trade.

## Trade

Burma's beans and pulses exports in August, 2011 totaled 152,261 MT, up 109 percent from 72,791 MT in August 2010. Most of the shipments were destined to India followed by China and Singapore. Matpe (black gram) accounting for 39 percent of the total exports followed by mung bean 37 percent of the total export and toor whole 11 percent. India and China were the largest buyers accounting for 76,012 MT or 50 percent and 42,486 MT or 28 percent of total exports, respectively. Additionally, 70 percent of the total mung bean exports or 40,423 MT were traded with China through border trade.

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

Country	Butter	Matpe	Mung	Toor	Whole	Other	Total
India	219	43,959	7,698		13,883	10,253	76,012
China		48	42,006			432	42,486
Singapore	391	11,440	4,053		2,879	5,440	24,203
Thailand	13	920	857		54	175	2,019
Malaysia	34	817	698		26	290	1,865
Pakistan		312				648	960
Japan		426	106			294	826
Venezuela		672				48	720
UAE		166	367		120	48	701
Philippines	2		580			108	690
Korea	268	120				63	451
Vietnam		408				0	408
Indonesia	46	48	166			24	284
Turaki					120	0	120
Bulgaria		120				0	120
Sweden			120			0	120
Iran						120	120
Russia						96	96
Srilanka			24			0	24
Saudi Arabia			24			0	24
Australia		7	3		2	0	12
<b>Total</b>	973	59,463	56,702		17,084	18,039	152,261

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		
October	63,587	808,839		
November	46,277	855,116		
December	117,453	972,569		
<b>Total</b>	972,569		996,690	

Average exchange rate in August: one US\$= Kyat 712

### Export prospects

The kyat continues to strengthen against the dollar with a 6 percent increase in August from ks 760/dollar in July to ks 712/dollar in July or 32 percent year-over year. To relief the burden on exporters due to the strengthening kyat, the government reduced the export tax to 2 percent from 10 percent.

As traders encounter a strong kyat, they are no longer holding stocks from the July and August harvest as a measure to reduce their exposure towards the strengthening kyat.

Year to date exports of beans and pulses increased 48 percent from 674,871 MT in 2010 to 996,690 MT in 2011 and 2.4 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 strengthening kyat, as such Post has revised exports upwards to 1.2 MMT.

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