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Flood in Myanmar Impact Rice Production and Export

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Report Highlights:

BM-5009: Estimated milled rice production in Myanmar for MY 2015/16 has been reduced by 400,000 metric tons from the MY2014/15's level due to flooding in late July and early August. As a result of the flooding, domestic prices increased and an export ban was put in place, expected to last thru mid-September. About 250,000-300,000 metric tons of rice exports were delayed or cancelled because of this action. Trade sources now expect 2015 rice exports to total 1.6 million metric tons.

General Information:

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In late July and early August, heavy monsoon rains flooded wide areas in Southern, Southwest and the lower parts Myanmar. According to the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, about 0.6 million hectares (1.5 million acres) of farm land were flooded, of which about 0.25 million hectare were monsoon rice fields. About 80 percent of the affect rice areas were in Bago, Sagaing, Rakhaine and Irrawaddy regions.

If rice cannot be replanted in these areas, the Government has announced plans to support replanting of other crops especially bean and pulses. Based on trade and industry sources, milled rice production is estimated for MY 2015/16 to fall about 0.4 million metric tons as a result of the damage.

At this time, it is unclear if these contracts were simply delayed or were cancelled. Exports are expected to be allowed again after September 15 according to trade sources.

Nonetheless, estimated 2015 rice exports by Myanmar are only expected to reach about 1.6 million metric tons, down 5 percent from 2014.

Table 1. Flooded Rice areas by Stats and Regions of Myanmar as of August 22, 2015

State/Region	Flooded area (Hectare)
Naypyidaw	9
Kachin State	13,007
Kayah	59
Kayin State	470
Chin	2,037
Sagaing Region	76,118
Bago Region	152,196
Magwe Region	39,209
Mandalay Region	1,451
Mon State	5,267
Rakhaine State	117,902
Yangon Region	43,662
Shan State	5,404
Ayeyarwady Region	127,779
Total	584,572

Source: Department of Agriculture

Table 2. Updated Rice PS&D for Myanmar

<i>Rice, Milled</i>	2013/2014			2014/2015			2015/2016		
<i>Market Begin Year</i>	Jan 2014			Jan 2015			Jan 2016		
<i>Burma</i>	USDA Official	Old Post	New Post	USDA Official	Old Post	New Post	USDA Official	Old Post	New Post
Area Harvested	7,050	7,000	7,050	7,065		7,030	0		6,830 (1000 HA)
Beginning Stocks	553	260	553	397		322	0		272 (1000 MT)
Milled Production	11,957	12,692	11,957	12,150		12,600	0		12,200 (1000 MT)
Rough Production	18,683	19,831	18,683	18,984		19,688	0		19,056 (1000 MT)
Milling Rate (.9999)	6,400	6,400	6,400	6,400		6,400	0		6,400 (1000 MT)
MY Imports	0	0	0	0		0	0		0 (1000 MT)
TY Imports	0	0	0	0		0	0		0 (1000 MT)
TY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0		0	0		0 (1000 MT)
Total Supply	12,510	12,952	12,510	12,547		12,922	0		12,472 (1000 MT)
MY Exports	1,663	850	1,688	1,600		1,600	0		1,620 (1000 MT)
TY Exports	1,663	850	1,688	1,600		1,600	0		1,620 (1000 MT)
Consumption and Residual	10,450	11,700	10,500	10,600		11,050	0		10,800 (1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	397	402	322	347		272	0		52 (1000 MT)
Total Distribution	12,510	12,952	12,510	12,547		12,922	0		12,472 (1000 MT)
Yield (Rough)	2.6501	2.8330	2.6501	2.6870		2.8006			2.790 (MT/HA)
TS=TD	0	0	0	0		0	0		0