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Report Highlights:

Rice export prices increased 4-6 percent due to the strengthening of the Thai baht.

Market Tone

Table 1: Export Prices (FOB) for Various Grades of Thai Rice (USD/MT), Week Ending January 10, 2023

| Quality | | | Period Average | | | | | | |
|------------|-----|----|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|-----|-----|
| | #1 | #2 | #3 | #4 | #5 | #6 | #7 | CUR | PRV |
| F WR 100 B | 838 | - | - | 790 | 830 | 797 | - | 814 | 769 |
| WR 100 B | 484 | - | 492 | 490 | 497 | 483 | 526 | 495 | 470 |
| PB 100% | 467 | - | 487 | 480 | 490 | 474 | 507 | 484 | 464 |
| PB 5% | 458 | - | 482 | 469 | 485 | 467 | 502 | 477 | 457 |
| WR 5% | 466 | - | 486 | 485 | 487 | 474 | 521 | 487 | 462 |
| WR 10% | 461 | - | - | 475 | 482 | 469 | - | 472 | 448 |
| WR 15% | 458 | - | - | 472 | 477 | 466 | - | 468 | 445 |
| WR 25% | 456 | - | - | - | 475 | 464 | - | 465 | 440 |
| WR 35% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| A1 SUP | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| A1 SPEC | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Exchange rate: 33.27 baht=\$1.00

Source: Average actual prices received from exporters

Rice export prices increased 4-6 percent due to the strengthening of the Thai baht. The Thai baht strengthened to 33.27 baht/\$1.00 from the previous week's exchange rate of 34.22 baht/\$1.00. Thai rice prices have increased recently when compared to its competitors. Thai rice prices are currently \$12-15/MT higher than Vietnamese rice but were \$12-14/MT cheaper than Vietnamese rice between October and December 2022. In addition, strong demand from ASEAN and Middle Eastern countries ahead of Ramadan has contributed to an increase in domestic prices of Thai rice.

Rice Export Update

Unofficial and preliminary rice exports (excluding Hom Mali fragrant rice) for December 26-31, 2022, totaled 70,025 metric tons, down 84,877 metric tons from the previous week and down 59,704 metric tons from the four-week moving average of 129,729 metric tons (Table 2). Rice exports from January 1 – December 31, 2022, totaled 6,439,256 metric tons, up 39 percent from the same period last year.

Table 2: Weekly Rice Exports (Excluding Hom Mali Fragrant Rice)

| Week Ending | Quantity | 4-WK AVG | Year to Date | Year Ago | Growth from |
|--------------|----------|----------|--------------|----------|--------------------|
| | | | | | Last Year |
| | (MT) | (MT) | (TMT) | (TMT) | (%) |
| Oct 30, 2022 | 116,914 | 112,829 | 5,203 | 3,697 | 40.7 |
| Nov 6, 2022 | 178,864 | 131,876 | 5,382 | 3,809 | 41.3 |
| Nov 13, 2022 | 165,667 | 150,838 | 5,547 | 3,932 | 41.1 |
| Nov 20, 2022 | 136,209 | 149,413 | 5,684 | 4,058 | 40.1 |
| Nov 27, 2022 | 132,071 | 153,203 | 5,816 | 4,197 | 38.6 |
| Dec 4, 2022 | 104,598 | 134,636 | 5,920 | 4,289 | 38.0 |
| Dec 11, 2022 | 130,991 | 125,967 | 6,051 | 4,379 | 38.2 |
| Dec 18, 2022 | 162,998 | 132,665 | 6,214 | 4,496 | 38.2 |
| Dec 25, 2022 | 154,902 | 138,373 | 6,369 | 4,585 | 38.9 |
| Dec 31, 2022 | 70,025 | 129,729 | 6,439 | 4,650 | 38.5 |

Note on data: Export figures since March 22, 2002, do not include fragrant rice. In addition, between May 1, 2013, and December 18, 2016, export data did not include 25% -100% grade white rice exports as the reporting authority was moved from the Thai Board of Trade to the Ministry of Commerce's Office of Commodity Standards, which does not release official export data. FAS/BKK reports only the official export numbers available from the Board of Trade of Thailand. The reader should bear in mind these differences when comparing historical data with current data.

Source: Board of Trade of Thailand

End of Report.

Attachments:

No Attachments