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Rice Price - Weekly

Weekly Rice Price Update

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Report Highlights:

TH5130 – Export prices were virtually unchanged expect for fragrant rice prices. The Ministry of Commerce is proposing on-farm pledging program for MY2015/16 fragrant rice production. Rumored sales of 500,000 metric tons of Thai rice under G-to-G agreement with Indonesia still unconfirmed.

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Table 1: Export Prices (FOB) for various grades of Thai rice (USD/MT), Week ending October 19, 2015

Quality	Exporter Observations							Period Average	
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	CUR.	PRV
FWR 100 B	827	-	-	830	880	825	-	841	831
WR 100 B	373	-	375	374	375	371	375	374	375
PB 100%	370	-	370	365	370	368	370	369	368
PB 5%	365	-	365	360	365	363	365	364	363
WR 5%	363	-	365	360	365	361	365	363	364
WR 10%	-	-	-	-	-	359	-	359	360
WR 15%	-	-	-	-	-	356	-	356	358
WR 25%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WR 35%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A1 SUP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A1 SPEC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Exchange rate: 35.35 baht/U.S.\$

Source: Average actual prices received from exporters

Export prices for most grades of rice were virtually unchanged from the previous week except for fragrant rice export prices which increased 1 percent. The Ministry of Commerce is proposing an on-farm pledging program for MY2015/16 main-crop fragrant rice paddy in the northeastern region. Supplies of new-crop fragrant rice will be coming into the market in November and December. The intervention price is proposed at 14,000 baht per metric tons (\$369/MT) which is approximately 10 percent above market prices in MY2014/15. Also, eligible farmers will receive additional 1,000 baht per metric tons (\$28/MT) for storage costs. The Government will consider this proposal for approval on October 26. This is same pledging program that operated in late-2014 and was only marginally used by farmers.

The Government will begin the deliveries in November of 300,000 metric tons of new-crop 25% grade white rice under the recent Government-to-Government (G-to-G) contract with the Philippines. The Thai Government was awarded this G-to-G contract at \$426/MT (CIF) in September 2015 (See GAIN Report: TH5113 and TH5121, Weekly Rice Price Update). The shipments will be delivered by private rice exporters from November 2015 thru March 2016. The 7th allotment of 100,000 metric tons of new-crop 5% grade white rice under the 2014 G-to-G agreement with China was shipped in September/October. The export prices were settled at \$410/MT, FOB Bangkok. This brings total exports under the one-million-metric-ton agreement to approximately 700,000 metric tons. Sources expect that the Government will likely finalize another allotment of 100,000 metric tons before the end of 2015.

Rice Export Update

Unofficial preliminary rice exports (excluding premium white and fragrant rice) for October 12-18, 2015 totaled 90,999 metric tons, down 11,002 metric tons from the previous week, and down 15,516 metric tons from the four-week moving average of 106,515 metric tons (Table 2). Rice exports (excluding premium white and fragrant rice) from January 1 – October 18, 2015, totaled 3,497,430 metric tons, down 18 percent from the same period last year.

Total Thai rice exports from January to August 2015 totaled 5,889,790 metric tons, down 10.7 percent from the same period last year.

Table 2: Weekly rice exports (excluding fragrant rice)

WEEK ENDING	QUANTITY	4-WK AVG	YEAR TO DATE	YEAR AGO	YEAR TO DATE AS % OF LAST YEAR
	(MT)	(MT)	(TMT)	(TMT)	(%)
Aug 16	97,698	88,321	2,475	3,100	-20.2
Aug 23	134,493	97,169	2,609	3,226	-19.1
Aug 30	108,974	101,850	2,718	3,353	-18.9
Sep 6	111,176	113,085	2,829	3,468	-18.4
Sep 13	127,232	120,469	2,956	3,576	-17.3
Sep 20	115,146	115,632	3,071	3,729	-17.6
Sep 27	129,126	120,670	3,200	3,838	-16.6
Oct 4	103,934	118,859	3,304	3,973	-16.8
Oct 11	102,000	112,552	3,406	4,122	-17.4
Oct 18	90,999	106,515	3,497	4,241	-17.5

Note on data: Export figures since March 22, 2002, do not include fragrant rice. In addition, starting May 1, 2013, the data will not include 100% - 25% grade white rice exports. 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 fragrant rice and white rice (100%-25% grades) export data. FAS/BKK will report only official export numbers available from the Board of Trade of Thailand. The reader should bear in mind the difference between the data.

Source: Board of Trade of Thailand