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Rice Price - Weekly

Weekly Rice Price Update

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Report Highlights:

TH5132 – Export prices declined around 1 percent as the rumored G-to-G agreement with Indonesia has not yet been finalized. The Thai Cabinet is likely to approve an on-farm pledging program on October 27, similar to the program operated in 2014.

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Table 1: Export Prices (FOB) for various grades of Thai rice (USD/MT), Week ending October 26, 2015

Quality	Exporter Observations							Period Average	
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	CUR.	PRV
FWR 100 B	822	-	-	830	880	820	-	838	841
WR 100 B	370	-	370	374	375	368	370	371	374
PB 100%	367	-	365	365	370	365	365	366	369
PB 5%	362	-	360	360	365	360	360	361	364
WR 5%	360	-	360	360	365	358	360	361	363
WR 10%	-	-	-	-	-	356	-	356	359
WR 15%	-	-	-	-	-	352	-	352	356
WR 25%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WR 35%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A1 SUP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A1 SPEC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Exchange rate: 35.38 baht/U.S.\$

Source: Average actual prices received from exporters

Export prices declined around 1 percent from the previous week as the rumored sale of 500,000 metric tons of Thai rice under a Government-to-Government agreement with Indonesia remains unconfirmed. Sources indicate that the Indonesian Government has yet to finalize the terms and conditions for the imports, which may not occur until November.

The Rice Policy and Management Committee agreed on October 26, 2015 with a Ministry of Commerce's proposal for an on-farm pledging program for MY2015/16 main-crop fragrant rice paddy in the northern region. The Thai Cabinet will consider this proposal for approval on October 27. The program aims to cover up to 2 million metric tons of fragrant rice paddy, or around 30 percent of total fragrant rice production. The intervention price is proposed at 14,000 metric tons (\$395/MT) which is about 10 percent above current market prices. Eligible farmers will receive an additional 1,000 baht per metric ton (\$28/MT) for storage costs (Please see GAIN Report: TH5130 – Weekly Rice Price Update). This proposal is similar to the program operated from November 2014 thru early 2015. There was only limited use of the program at that time.

Rice Export Update

Unofficial preliminary rice exports (excluding premium white and fragrant rice) for October 19-25, 2015 totaled 87,297 metric tons, down 3,702 metric tons from the previous week, and down 8,761 metric tons from the four-week moving average of 96,057 metric tons (Table 2). Rice exports (excluding premium white and fragrant rice) from January 1 – October 25, 2015, totaled 3,584,726 metric tons, down 18 percent from the same period last year.

Total Thai rice exports from January to September 2015 totaled 6.6 million metric tons, down 13 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 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
Oct 25	87,297	96,057	3,585	4,360	-17.8

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

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