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Rice Price - Weekly

Weekly Rice Price Update

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Report Highlights:

TH6012 – Export prices increased further due to current tight domestic market supplies and concern about drought. A new tender for food and non-food grade rice from the government stocks will be issued on February 16-17.

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Table 1: Export Prices (FOB) for various grades of Thai rice (USD/MT), Week ending February 1, 2016

Quality	Exporter Observations							Period Average	
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	CUR.	PRV
FWR 100 B	695	-	-	735	780	700	-	728	721
WR 100 B	386	-	390	384	385	387	385	386	378
PB 100%	373	-	380	374	385	372	390	379	373
PB 5%	368	-	375	369	380	367	385	374	367
WR 5%	374	-	380	374	375	372	380	376	368
WR 10%	-	-	-	-	-	370	-	370	363
WR 15%	-	-	-	-	-	368	-	368	360
WR 25%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WR 35%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A1 SUP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A1 SPEC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Exchange rate: 35.42 baht/US\$

Source: Average actual prices received from exporters

Export prices increased \$5-10/MT this week, back to the same levels last seen in June 2015. This is a 2-percent increase from the previous week due to current tight domestic supplies of new-crop white rice and concern that drought will adversely affect off-season rice production. Meanwhile, shipments of new-crop white rice under the Government-to-Government agreements with the Philippines, Indonesia, and China continued. Finally, the exchange rate further strengthened from 35.8 baht/US\$ to 35.4 baht/US\$.

The Government announced that it will issue a new tender to sell government stocks on February 16-17, 2016. The tender will consist of 204,998 metric tons of food-grade rice on February 16 and 364,118 metric tons of non-food grade rice on February 17. Around 60 percent of food-grade rice in this tender will be glutinous rice with the remaining being broken white and fragrant rice.

Sources indicated that these sales will not ease current tight market supplies since 5% grade white rice will not be available in the tender.

Regarding the November 30, 2015 tender which sold 37,413 metric tons of non-food grade rice for industrial uses, the Government has reported that it ultimately sold only 21,200 metric tons to a fertilizer manufacturer. The remaining sales to a power plant were cancelled.

Rice Export Update

Unofficial preliminary rice exports (excluding premium white and fragrant rice) for January 25-31, 2016 totaled 48,544 metric tons, down 54,153 metric tons from the previous week, and down 29,835 metric tons from the four-week moving average of 78,379 metric tons (Table 2). Rice exports from January 1-31, 2016 totaled 313,723 metric tons, up 34 percent from the previous week.

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)	(%)
Dec 13	99,043	96,334	4,176	5,126	-18.5
Dec 20	104,535	101,736	4,280	5,252	-18.5
Dec 27	109,689	103,812	4,390	5,350	-17.9
Dec 31, 2015	35,416	87,171	4,425	5,361	-17.5
Jan 3, 2016	208	-	0	0	-
Jan 10	72,989	-	73	15	296.0
Jan 17	82,285	-	162	122	33.6
Jan 24	102,697	66,295	265	197	34.9
Jan 31(P)	48,544	78,379	314	234	34.4

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