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Rice Price - Weekly

Weekly Rice Price Update

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Report Highlights:

TH5072 – Export prices declined 2 to 3 percent in anticipation of the sales of government stocks through a public tender for around 1.1 million metric tons on June 15. The Government announced floor price for bids for 5% grade white rice which are 10-25 percent below current market prices.

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Table 1: Export Prices (FOB) for various grades of Thai rice (USD/MT), Week ending June 8, 2015

Quality	Exporter Observations							Period Average	
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	CUR.	PRV
FWR 100 B	845	-	-	835	880	850	-	853	863
WR 100 B	372	-	385	380	390	375	380	380	386
PB 100%	370	-	380	370	380	370	375	374	380
PB 5%	365	-	375	365	375	365	370	369	375
WR 5%	362	-	370	365	380	365	370	369	375
WR 10%	-	-	-	-	-	363	-	363	373
WR 15%	-	-	-	-	-	360	-	360	370
WR 25%	-	-	-	-	-	345	-	345	355
WR 35%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A1 SUP	320	-	-	330	320	320	-	323	323
A1 SPEC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Exchange rate: 33.5 baht/U.S.\$

Source: Average actual prices received from exporters

Export prices declined 2 to 3 percent from the previous week in anticipation of the sales of government stocks. The Government will issue a public tender for about 1.1 million metric tons on June 15, 2015. The tender will mainly consist of 0.6 million metric tons of 5% grade white rice from MY2011/12 – MY2013/14 rice stocks and 0.3 million metric tons of broken white rice (A1 Super grade) from MY2011/12 – MY2012/13 rice stocks (Table 2). The remainder will mainly be comprised of 10% grade glutinous rice and white rice. The Government determined floor prices for bids of 5% grade white rice range between 8,500 to 10,000 baht per metric tons (\$252-297/MT) which are approximately 10-25 percent below current market prices levels (11,500 baht per metric tons (\$340/MT)). This is the first time the Government has announced the internally establish floor prices that will be considered in the tender. The result of the tender will be announced on June 16.

Regarding the Philippines National Food Authority (NFA)'s tender for 250,000 metric tons of 25% grade new-crop white rice on June 5, trade sources indicated that Thailand could not compete on price with Vietnam which offered the lowest bids at around \$410/MT ,CIF. Presently, export prices of Vietnamese 25% grade white rice are offered at approximately \$335/MT (FOB) which is \$10/MT cheaper than Thai rice.

Table 2: Rice Available under Public Tender of Government Rice Stocks on June 15, 2015

Unit: Thousand Metric Ton					
Quality	Tender				
	MY2008/09	MY2011/12	MY2012/13	MY2013/14	Total
Frangrant Rice (100 B grade)	-	-	-	-	-
Provincial Frangrant Rice	-	-	-	-	-
Prathumthani Frangrant Rice	-	-	3.0	-	3.0
Glutinous Rice (10% grade)	-	12.1	19.6	49.2	81.0
Broken Frangrant Rice	-	5.6	8.4	-	14.0
Broken Provincial Frangrant Rice	-	-	-	-	-
Broken Prathumthani Frangrant Rice	-	2.1	-	-	2.1
Broken White Rice (A1 Super grade)	-	162.0	174.2	-	336.2
Broken Glutinous Rice (GL A1)	-	4.8	4.3	-	9.1
White Rice (5% grade)	0.4	14.9	331.5	223.1	569.8
White Rice (10% grade)	-	9.2	29.6	3.4	42.2
White Rice (15% grade)	-	2.7	0.0	-	2.7
White Rice (25% grade)	-	5.4	-	-	5.4
Total	0	219.0	570.4	275.7	1,065.5

Source: Department of Foreign Trade and Department of Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce

Rice Export Update

Unofficial preliminary rice exports (excluding premium white and fragrant rice) for June 1-7 2015 totaled 59,677 metric tons, down 2,663 metric tons from the previous week and down 9,388 metric tons from the four-week moving average of 69,065 metric tons (Table 3). Rice exports (excluding premium white and fragrant rice) from January 1 – June 7, 2015, totaled 1,594,615 metric tons, down 17 percent from the same period last year.

Total rice exports from January to April 2015 totaled 2,826,561 million metric tons, down 4 percent from the same period last year (See GAIN Report – TH5069 Grain and Feed Update, May 2015).

Table 3: 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)	(%)
Apr 5	128,451	90,974	1,005	929	8.1
Apr 12	58,286	82,910	1,064	1,024	3.9
Apr 19	13,968	69,976	1,077	1,055	2.2
Apr 26	77,242	69,487	1,155	1,181	-2.3
May 3	103,706	63,300	1,285	1,289	-0.3
May 10	59,917	63,708	1,318	1,395	-5.5
May 17	65,468	76,583	1,384	1,480	-6.5
May 24	88,775	79,466	1,473	1,622	-9.2
May 31	62,340	69,125	1,535	1,775	-13.5
Jun 7	59,677	69,065	1,595	1,914	-16.7

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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