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Rice Price - Weekly

Weekly Rice Price Update

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Report Highlights:

TH5095 – Export prices declined 1 to 2 percent due to the weakening of Thai baht and ample market supplies from the last government stocks sales in mid-July. The Government will issue a new public tender for 0.7 million metric tons on August 10, which most observers think will result in the auction of any remaining good quality rice from government stocks.

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Table 1: Export Prices (FOB) for various grades of Thai rice (USD/MT), Week ending August 3, 2015

Quality	Exporter Observations							Period Average	
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	CUR.	PRV
FWR 100 B	865	-	-	860	875	865	-	866	870
WR 100 B	383	-	390	390	390	385	390	388	395
PB 100%	382	-	390	385	390	385	385	386	393
PB 5%	377	-	385	380	390	380	380	382	388
WR 5%	371	-	380	375	380	375	380	377	384
WR 10%	-	-	-	-	-	372	-	372	377
WR 15%	-	-	-	-	-	365	-	365	370
WR 25%	-	-	-	-	-	355	-	355	360
WR 35%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A1 SUP	325	-	-	330	320	325	-	325	325
A1 SPEC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Exchange rate: 35.0 baht/U.S.\$

Source: Average actual prices received from exporters

Export prices decline 1 to 2 percent from the previous week due to the weakening of Thai baht which depreciated further to 35 baht/US\$ compared to 34.8 baht/US\$ in the previous week. Market supplies are large since the Government's last stocks sales of about 1.1 million metric tons in mid-July. Also, the Government announced that it will issue a new public tender for 0.7 million metric tons of food-grade rice stocks on August 10, 2015. Around half of the tender is 5% grade white rice, mostly from MY2013/14 main-crop rice pledging program. The Government set the floor prices at around 10,200 baht per metric tons (which is around 25 percent below current market prices levels (13,770 baht per metric tons (\$393/MT), ex-warehouses). The tender will also include 0.2 million metric tons of 100 B grade fragrant rice and 0.1 million metric tons of broken rice. These amount are expected to be the last good quality rice available from Government held stocks. The remaining stocks reportedly consist of approximately 7 million metric tons of sub-standard rice and 6 million metric tons of non-food grade rice or rice that is unaccounted for. The sub-standard rice could be re-processed for export, particularly to Africa.

Rice Export Update

Unofficial preliminary rice exports (excluding premium white and fragrant rice) for July 26 – August 2, 2015 totaled 90,248 metric tons, down 8,852 metric tons from the previous week but up 4,624 metric tons from the four-week moving average of 85,624 metric tons (Table 2). Rice exports (excluding premium white and fragrant rice) from January 1 – August 2, 2015, totaled 2,311,413 metric tons, down 20 percent from the same period last year.

Total rice exports from January to June 2015 totaled 4,457,927 metric tons, down 4.7 percent from the same period last year (See GAIN Report – TH5094 Grain and Feed Update, June 2015).

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)	(%)
May 31	62,340	69,125	1,535	1,775	-13.5
Jun 7	59,677	69,065	1,595	1,914	-16.7
Jun 14	127,991	84,696	1,723	2,031	-15.2
Jun 21	71,433	80,361	1,794	2,136	-16.0
Jun 28	92,554	87,914	1,887	2,264	-16.7
Jul 5	82,324	93,575	1,969	2,385	-17.4
Jul 12	87,844	83,539	2,057	2,499	-17.7
Jul 19	65,304	82,006	2,132	2,635	-19.1
Jul 26	99,100	83,643	2,221	2,753	-19.3
Aug 2	90,248	85,624	2,311	2,880	-19.8

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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