

Required Report: Required - Public Distribution **Date:** October 05, 2021

Report Number: TH2021-0070

Report Name: Rice Price - Weekly

Country: Thailand

Post: Bangkok

Report Category: Grain and Feed

Prepared By: Mana-anya Iemsam-arng, Agricultural Specialist

Approved By: Eric Mullis

Report Highlights:

Export prices of white and parboiled rice remained unchanged as the weakening of the Thai baht offset higher domestic prices for Thai rice.

Market Tone

Table 1: Export Prices (FOB) for various grades of Thai rice (USD/MT), Week ending October 5, 2021

Quality			Period Average						
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	CUR	PRV
F WR 100 B	644	-	-	637	645	644	-	643	660
WR 100 B	395	-	390	396	395	389	416	397	397
PB 100%	393	-	385	389	390	384	408	392	392
PB 5%	388	-	380	384	385	379	403	387	387
WR 5%	385	-	380	387	385	380	406	387	387
WR 10%	380	-	-	382	-	375	-	379	379
WR 15%	377	-	-	380	-	371	-	376	376
WR 25%	374	-	-	-	375	375	-	375	375
WR 35%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A1 SUP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A1 SPEC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Exchange rate: 33.62 baht= U.S. \$1.00

Source: Average actual prices received from exporters

Export prices of white and parboiled rice remained unchanged, while fragrant rice export prices declined 3 percent from the previous week. The Thai baht further weakened to 33.62 baht/U.S. \$1.00 from the previous week's exchange rate of 33.50 baht/U.S. \$1.00. Demand for Thai rice increased as Thai rice export prices became more attractive than other major rice exporting countries. The increased demand for Thai rice put upward pressure on domestic rice prices, which increased 1-2 percent from the previous week, particularly for white and parboiled rice.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives reported that floods caused by heavy rains from tropical storm Dian Mu damaged 3,130,005 rai (500,800 hectare) of MY2021/22 main-crop rice acreage in the central plains, the lower northern, and the northeastern regions. The Thai government eased certain lockdown and travel restrictions in Bangkok and other provinces on October 1, 2021. Both the Thai Chamber of Commerce and the Bank of Thailand expressed optimism that the removal of the lockdown and travel restrictions would help businesses and boost economic growth.

Rice Export Update

Unofficial and preliminary rice exports (excluding Hom Mali fragrant rice) for September 20-26, 2021, totaled 175,638 metric tons, up 30,734 metric tons from the previous week and up 31,575 metric tons from the four-week moving average of 144,063 metric tons (Table 2). Rice exports from January 1 – September 26, 2021, totaled 3,088,663 metric tons, up 2 percent from the same period last year.

Table 2: Weekly Rice Exports (Excluding Hom Mali Fragrant Rice)

Week Ending	Quantity	4-WK AVG	Year to Date	Year Ago	Growth from
					Last Year
	(MT)	(MT)	(TMT)	(TMT)	(%)
Jul 25, 2021	110,989	87,332	1,946	2,330	-16.5
Aug 1, 2021	104,793	92,496	2,051	2,368	-13.4
Aug 8, 2021	84,331	97,369	2,135	2,447	-12.8
Aug 15, 2021	109,486	102,340	2,245	2,526	-11.1
Aug 22, 2021	111,874	102,621	2,356	2,623	-10.2
Aug 29, 2021	155,902	115,398	2,512	2,691	-6.6
Sep 5, 2021	121,825	124,772	2,634	2,740	-5.6
Sep 12, 2021	133,884	130,871	2,768	2,810	-1.5
Sep 19, 2021	144,904	139,129	2,913	2,903	0.3
Sep 26, 2021	175,638	144,063	3,089	3,014	2.5

Note on data: Export figures since March 22, 2002, do not include fragrant rice. In addition, between May 1, 2013 and December 18, 2016, export data did not include 25% -100% grade white rice exports as 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 export data. FAS/BKK reports only the official export numbers available from the Board of Trade of Thailand. The reader should bear in mind these differences when comparing historical data with current data.

Source: Board of Trade of Thailand

End of Report.

Attachments:

No Attachments