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Rice Price - Weekly

Weekly Rice Price Update

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Report Highlights:

Export prices further declined approximately 1 percent as new-crop supplies are entering the market. The government extended the pledging program to include white rice and Pathumthani fragrant rice farmers to prevent falling farm-gate prices.

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Market Tone

Table 1: Export Prices (FOB) for various grades of Thai rice (USD/MT), Week ending November 7, 2016

Quality	Exporter Observations							Period Average	
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	CUR.	PRV
F WR 100 B	520	-	-	530	580	530	-	540	545
WR 100 B	349	-	375	355	365	355	375	362	366
PB 100%	350	-	380	355	360	353	375	362	363
PB 5%	345	-	375	350	355	348	370	357	358
WR 5%	339	-	365	340	355	345	360	351	353
WR 10%	337	-	-	-	-	341	-	339	344
WR 15%	336	-	-	-	-	340	-	338	342
WR 25%	333	-	-	-	-	338	-	336	340
WR 35%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A1 SUP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A1 SPEC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Exchange rate: 35 baht/USD

Source: Average actual prices received from exporters

Export prices further declined around 1 percent from the previous week as supplies of new-crop white and fragrant rice enter the market. On November 8, 2016, the Thai government decided to extend the On-Farm Pledging Program to include white rice and Pathumthani fragrant rice with the cabinet approving 18 billion baht (514 million USD) for the expansion of the pledging program. The intervention prices were set at 7,000 baht/MT (200 USD/MT) for white rice paddy and 7,800 baht/MT (223 USD/MT) for Pathumthani fragrant rice. In addition, participating farmers will receive a direct payment of 1,500 baht/MT (43 USD/MT) for storage costs and 2,000 baht/MT (57 USD/MT) for certain harvest and postharvest handling expenses. In total, farmers participating in the program will receive 10,500 baht/MT (300 USD/MT) for white rice paddy and 11,300 baht/MT (323 USD/MT) for Pathumthani fragrant rice. These prices are 30-40 percent above current market prices. Meanwhile, farmers who do not participate in the pledging program will still be eligible for the direct payment of 2,000 baht/MT (57 USD/MT) for certain harvest and postharvest handling expenses.

Rice Export Update

Unofficial preliminary rice exports (excluding premium white and fragrant rice) for October 31 – November 6, 2016 totaled 102,599 metric tons, down 28,674 metric tons from the previous week and down 27,780 metric tons from the four-week moving average of 130,379 metric tons (Table 2). Rice exports from January 1 – November 6, 2016 totaled 3,556,296 metric tons, down 4 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)	(%)
Sep 18	123,337	112,057	2,689	3,052	-11.9
Sep 25	118,867	111,659	2,808	3,178	-11.6
Oct 2	116,935	116,112	2,925	3,285	-11.0
Oct 9	109,805	117,236	3,035	3,373	-10.0
Oct 16	134,634	120,060	3,170	3,486	-9.1
Oct 23	153,010	128,596	3,322	3,580	-7.2
Oct 30	131,273	132,180	3,473	3,679	-5.6
Nov 6	102,599	130,379	3,556	3,711	-4.2

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 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 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 these differences when comparing with historical data.

Source: Board of Trade of Thailand