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## **Thailand**

### **Rice Price - Weekly**

#### **Weekly Rice Price Update**

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**Report Highlights:**

TH4024 – Domestic and export prices declined 1 to 3 percent due to sales of government rice stocks. The government will be seeking bids to deliver 100,000 metric tons of rice under a government-to-government deal with China. Last week's tender via AFET was pushed back a week.

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**Table 1: Export Prices (FOB) for various grades of Thai rice (USD/MT), Week ending March 17, 2014**

Quality	Exporter Observations							Period Average	
	=1	=2	=3	=4	=5	=6	=7	CUR.	PRV
FWR 100 B	950	-	980	-	980	960	-	968	974
WR 100 B	440	-	420	-	400	395	420	415	421
PB 100%	450	-	450	-	430	415	420	433	445
PB 5%	445	-	445	-	425	410	415	428	440
WR 5%	430	-	400	-	380	385	400	399	406
WR 10%	-	-	-	-	-	380	-	380	385
WR 15%	-	-	-	-	-	375	-	375	380
WR 25%	-	-	-	-	-	355	-	355	365
WR 35%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A1 SUP	-	-	-	-	310	315	-	313	315
A1 SPEC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Exchange rate: 32.0 baht U.S.\$

Source: Average actual prices received from exporters

Domestic and export prices declined 1 to 3 percent from the previous week due to sales of government rice stocks. According to the details of the March 10, 2014 public tender (Table 2), the government reportedly only sold approximately 180,000 metric tons of the total tender it announced, mostly 5% grade white rice to large exporters. The government will issue two additional tenders this week. On March 18, the government will be seeking bids to deliver 100,000 metric tons of 5% grade white rice to China. The delivery will be the first tranche of the total 1 million metric tons of rice the Thai government has agreed to ship to China as part of a government-to-government agreement signed earlier this month. Meanwhile, last week's tender of 244,454 metric tons of white and fragrant rice through the Futures Exchange of Thailand (AFET) has been postponed until March 19, 2014 due to the political unrest. The revenues generated from these bids will be provided to the Bank for Agricultural and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC) to finance the MY2013/14 Main-Crop Rice Paddy Pledging Program.

**Table 2: Tender of Government Rice Stocks on March 10, 2014**

Quality	MY2011/12	MY2012/13	MY2013/14	Total
Fragrant Rice (100 B grade)	12,795	2,786	98,871	114,452
Provincial Fragrant Rice	-	-	27,060	27,060
Prathumthani Fragrant Rice	6,811	47	-	6,857
Glutinous Rice (10% grade)	-	-	-	-
Broken Fragrant Rice	-	-	-	-
Broken Provincial Fragrant Rice	-	-	-	-
Broken Prathumthani Fragrant Rice	-	-	-	-
Broken White Rice (A1 Super grade)	27,362	57,679	-	85,041
White Rice (5% grade)	41,792	74,128	168,323	284,243
<b>Total</b>	<b>88,760</b>	<b>134,640</b>	<b>294,254</b>	<b>517,654</b>

Source: Department of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce

As of March 16, 2014 the government has reportedly received approximately 11.6 million metric tons of main-crop rice paddy (7.7 million metric milled equivalent – Table 3) under the MY2013/14 Main-Crop Rice Paddy Pledging Program. The BAAC has reportedly paid approximately 71 billion baht (\$2.2 billion) in loans to 0.6 million rice farm households. The program is being financed through the revenue generated from the sales of government rice stocks.

**Table 3: Results of the MY2013/14 Paddy Pledging Program (Main Crop: October 1, 2013 - February 28, 2014), as of March 16, 2014**

Region	Number of Farmers (Million)	Amount of Rice Paddy (Million Metric Ton)					
		Fragrant Rice			White Rice	Glutinous Rice	Total
		Homali	Provincial	Pathumthani			
North	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.0	3.6	0.4	4.8
Northeast	1.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	3.7
Central Plain	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	3.0	0.0	3.2
South	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>11.6</b>

Source: Ministry of Commerce

### Rice Export Update

Unofficial rice exports (excluding premium white rice and fragrant rice) for March 10-16, 2014 totaled 66,101 metric tons, up 3,254 metric tons from the previous week and down 7,013 metric tons from the four-week moving average of 73,114 metric tons (Table 4). Rice exports from January 1 – March 16, 2014 totaled 676,959 metric tons, down 26 percent from 911,620 metric tons in the same period last year.

<b>Table 4: Weekly rice exports (excluding fragrant rice)</b>					
WEEK ENDING	QUANTITY	4-WK AVG	YEAR TO DATE	YEAR AGO	YEAR TO DATE AS % OF LAST YEAR
	(MT)	(MT)	(TMT)	(TMT)	(%)
Jan 5, 2014	22,031	63,878	22	53	-58.4
Jan 12	49,727	58,367	72	141	-49.2
Jan 19	67,805	51,357	140	232	-39.8
Jan 26	47,038	46,650	187	338	-44.7
Feb 2	65,878	57,612	252	416	-39.4
Feb 9	68,623	62,336	321	509	-36.9
Feb 16	63,400	61,235	385	578	-33.5
Feb 23	79,897	69,450	464	673	-31.0
Mar 2	83,611	73,883	548	766	-28.5
Mar 9	62,847	72,439	611	847	-27.9
Mar 16	66,101	73,114	677	912	-25.7

*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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