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Rice Price - Weekly

Weekly Rice Price Update

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Report Highlights:

TH4080 – Export prices declined 1 to 4 percent due to the expected upcoming sale of government rice stocks and the weakening of the Thai baht. The government will likely announced that it sold 90,000 – 100,000 metric tons of its rice stocks in the public tender held last week.

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Table 1: Export Prices (FOB) for various grades of Thai rice (USD/MT), Week ending September 15, 2014

Quality	Exporter Observations							Period Average	
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	CUR.	PRV
FWR 100 B	1,060	-	N.Q.	1,050	1,100	N.Q.	-	1,070	1,065
WR 100 B	440	-	N.Q.	450	440	N.Q.	450	445	447
PB 100%	430	-	N.Q.	450	435	N.Q.	440	439	456
PB 5%	425	-	N.Q.	445	430	N.Q.	435	434	435
WR 5%	425	-	N.Q.	440	435	N.Q.	435	434	438
WR 10%	-	-	-	-	-	N.Q.	-	N.Q.	N.Q.
WR 15%	-	-	-	-	-	N.Q.	-	N.Q.	N.Q.
WR 25%	-	-	-	-	-	N.Q.	-	N.Q.	N.Q.
WR 35%	-	-	-	-	-	N.Q.	-	-	-
A1 SUP	340	-	-	335	330	N.Q.	-	335	333
A1 SPEC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Exchange rate: 32.2 baht/U.S.\$

Source: Average actual prices received from exporters

Export prices declined 1 to 4 percent from the previous week mainly due to expected sale of government stocks and the weakening of the Thai baht (32.2 baht/US\$ compared to 31.8 baht/US\$ in the previous week). Traders expect the government is likely to sell 90,000 – 100,000 metric tons, mostly broken rice under the public rice tender of 139,676 metric tons issued on September 12, 2014,. Thirty eight millers and exporters reportedly participated in the tender. The bids (Table 2) were 10-30 percent below current market prices.

The Government has finalized a government-to-government contract of 175,000 metric tons with the Indonesian government. The contract consists of 150,000 metric tons of new-crop white rice which includes 50,000 metric tons of 5 percent grade white rice and 100,000 metric tons of 15 percent grade white rice. The prices are \$475/MT (C&F) for 5 percent grade white rice and \$455/MT (C&F) for 15 percent grade white rice. The remaining 25,000 metric tons is old-crop 5 percent grade white rice price unknown. The deliveries which will take place during October - November 2014 are subcontracted to rice exporters.

This is the first government-to-government contract with the Indonesian government since 2012. Also, it will be the second new-crop sales for 2014/15 after China.

Table 2: Rice Available under Public Tender of Government Rice Stocks on September 12, 2014

Quality	MY2011/12	MY2012/13	MY2013/14	Total	Bids (Baht/MT)	Market Prices (Baht/MT)
Fragrant Rice (100 B grade)	-	-	12,652	12,652	26,500 - 29,500	31,000 - 32,000
Provincial Fragrant Rice	-	-	-	-		
Prathumthani Fragrant Rice	-	-	-	-		
Glutinous Rice (10% grade)	3,141	4,622	20,515	28,278	14,000 - 18,500	19,000 - 20,000
Broken Fragrant Rice	13,124	29,559	-	42,683	7,800 - 8,800	10,500 - 10,700
Broken Provincial Fragrant Rice	-	-	-	-		
Broken Prathumthani Fragrant Rice	1,724	2,930	-	4,654	7,000 - 7,800	9,500 - 9,800
Broken White Rice (A1 Super grade)	15,479	31,269	-	46,747	5,200 - 8,300	9,000 - 9,300
Broken Glutinous Rice (GL A1)	-	4,661	-	4,661	8,000 - 9,700	16,000
White Rice (5% grade)	-	-	-	-		
White Rice (10% grade)	-	-	-	-		
White Rice (15% grade)	-	-	-	-		
Total	33,468	73,040	33,167	139,676		

Source: Department of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce

Rice Export Update

Unofficial preliminary rice exports (excluding premium white and fragrant rice) for September 8 - 14, 2014 totaled 89,996 metric tons, down 25,137 metric tons from the previous week and down 23,755 metric tons from the four-week moving average of 113,751 metric tons (Table 3). Rice exports from January 1 - September 14, 2014, totaled 3,560,119 metric tons, up 55 percent from the same period last year.

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)	(%)
Jul 13	119,732	118,158	2,508	1,772	41.6
Jul 20	140,706	129,696	2,649	1,831	44.7
Jul 27	109,536	121,498	2,759	1,879	46.8
Aug 3	129,086	124,765	2,886	1,931	49.4
Aug 10	113,166	123,123	2,999	1,991	50.6
Aug 17	106,365	114,538	3,105	2,039	52.3
Aug 24	125,918	118,633	3,231	2,103	53.6
Aug 31	123,937	117,346	3,355	2,149	56.1
Sep 7	115,154	117,843	3,470	2,230	55.6
Sep 14 (P)	89,996	113,751	3,560	2,291	55.4

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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