

# QUARTERLY UPDATE ON FOOD EMERGENCY MONITORING AND INFORMATION

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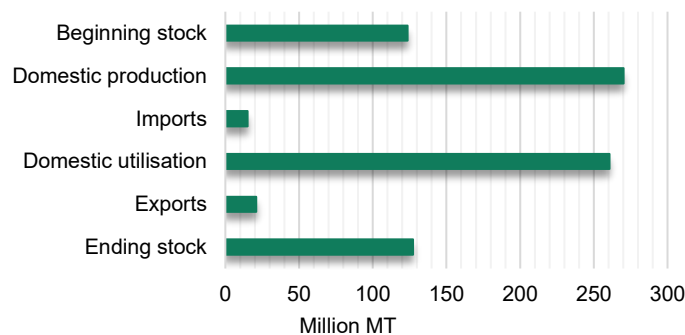
## Introduction

Quarterly Update on the Food Emergency Monitoring and Information (FEMI) highlights food availability status, specifically rice in the ASEAN Plus Three (APT), and is intended to be periodically updated four times a year, at intervals of three months. Assessment results of food availability are derived from four FEMI indicators consisting of Self-Sufficiency Ratio (SSR), Stock-to-Utilisation Ratio (STU), Output Gap (G) and World Price Growth (WPG). Also, supporting data primarily comes from the ASEAN Food Security Information System (AFSIS), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Thai Rice Exporters Association (TREA), the World Bank and other related government agencies.

**Based on assessment by the FEMI indicators, SSR, STU, G, and WPG were all satisfied in the first quarter of 2025. The status of regional food availability for the APT maintained 'normal' meaning that a state of emergency was not verified.**

As illustrated in Figure 1, the APT produced 270.3 million MT of milled rice, and stocked 123.7 million MT of milled rice in response to 260.7 million MT of consumptions. This resulted in 103.7% of SSR and 47.4% of STU indicating that the APT had a rice surplus (>100%) and adequate rice stocks (>20%) for 408.9 million MT of the total demand.

Figure 1, Rice Supply and Demand of the APT

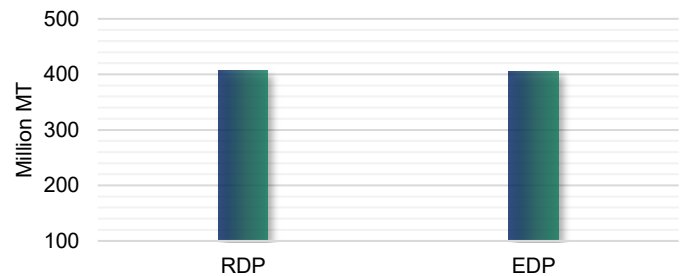


The APT did not experience G (<2%) which caused by extreme and unexpected calamities even though the expected domestic production (EDP) was updated to 405.6 million MT slightly less than the reference domestic production (RDP) to 407 million MT as shown in Figure 2.

## The State of Food Security



Figure 2, Comparison between RDP and EDP of the APT



In terms of international rice trade, the APT exported 21 million MT and imported 15 million MT. Meanwhile, the monthly FOB of Thai White Rice 5% decreased by 9.7% from \$527/MT in December 2024 to \$478/MT in January 2025. The price again dropped by 9% to \$437/MT in February 2025 and continually dropped 2.8 % to \$425/MT in March 2025 as reflected in Figure 3. WPG which was applied for the APT implied that the APT could procure the needed supply through normal trades (<12.3%).

Figure 3. Monthly FOB Export Price and WPG

