



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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Myanmar

Myanmar exports more than 144,034 tonnes of rice in April 2022. According to the Myanmar Rice Federation, Myanmar exported over 144,034 tonnes of rice and more than 106,912 tonnes of broken rice in April 2022. The country exported rice to 22 countries, including Cameroon, China, Angola, the Philippines and Poland while it exported broken rice to eight countries, including Belgium, China and Spain. Over 244,826 tonnes of exported rice and broken rice have been shipped via sea routes, while the rest 6,120 tonnes via land border gates. Myanmar has been shipping most of its exported rice and broken rice via sea routes due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Source: Global Times. (2022, May 23). *Myanmar exports over 144,034 metric tons of rice in April.*

Thailand

Rates for Thai rice drop while the market is muted. Thailand's 5 percent broken rice prices slipped to 430-445 USD per tonne from 450 USD per tonne a week earlier. The market has largely been muted since last week and the weak baht has made export prices attractive, Bangkok-based traders said. Moreover, the country exported 1.74 million tonnes of rice between January and March 2022, up 48.5 percent year-on-year, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Source: Reuters. (2022, May 19). *RPT-ASIA RICE-India's export prices dip on rupee dive, ample domestic supply.*

Vietnam

Vietnamese rice prices are stable amid the dwindling sales. Prices of Viet Nam's 5 percent broken rice remained unchanged at 415-420 USD per tonne. Domestic supplies of rice are running low and trading activities remain weak, said a Ho Chi Minh City-based trader. According to the preliminary shipping data, there are 306,870 tonnes of rice to be loaded at Ho Chi Minh City port from 1 May to 24 May 2022, with most of it heading to the Philippines, Africa and Cuba.

Source: Reuters. (2022, May 19). *RPT-ASIA RICE-India's export prices dip on rupee dive, ample domestic supply.*

China

China launches seawater rice transplanting to expand rice output. According to the Qingdao Saline-Alkali Tolerant Rice Research and Development Centre, China has launched a new round of so-called "seawater rice" transplanting, which aims to increase the rice output to ensure food security in the country. The domestic planting area of saline-alkali tolerant rice surpassed 600,000 mu (40,000 hectares) by the end of 2021 and is projected to exceed 1 million mu (66,666.67 hectares) in 2022. The species of rice can grow in saline water with concentrations of eight per 1,000, and produce 450 kilogrammes per mu (0.07 hectare), about a half of regular rice output. There are 1.5 billion mu (100 million hectares) of saline-alkali soil in China and it is thought to be better than having nothing produced from such land though the output is relatively low.

*1 hectare = 15 mu

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Source: Global Times. (2022, May 23). *China launches large-scale 'seawater rice' transplanting to boost output.*

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