



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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Cambodia

Cambodia's milled rice exports in January – May 2022 rises by 22 percent.

According to the Cambodian Rice Federation, Cambodia exported all kinds of milled rice with a total volume of 283,675 tonnes, up nearly 22 percent, earning 173.47 million USD in revenue from January to May 2022. China remained the top buyer of Cambodia's rice, accounting for 52.6 percent of total export in the first five months with a volume of 149,447 tonnes, up 23.6 percent year-on-year. Meanwhile, rice export to the European Union increased by 49 percent to 88,167 tonnes during the period. After the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership entered into force on 1 January 2022, Cambodia is expected to export more rice to China.

Source: Xinhua. (2022, Jun 4). *Cambodia's rice export to China up 23.6 pct in Jan-May.*

Philippines

The Central Luzon region remains the Philippines' top paddy rice producer in the first quarter of 2022.

Based on the data from the Philippines Statistics Authority, the Central Luzon region produced 772,855 tonnes of paddy rice in the first quarter of 2022, contributing 17 percent to the Philippines' output, increased from 699,044 tonnes during the same period last year. According to the Department of Agriculture, Central Luzon's high paddy rice

production was due to government interventions and favourable weather. Also, the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund programme helped farmers to attain high yields.

Source: Philippine News Agency. (2022, Jun 6). *Central Luzon remains PH's top palay producer in Q1.*

Japan donates rice assistance to the Philippines in response to damage caused by Typhoon Odette.

According to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in Central Visayas, 6,666 bags of rice donated by Japan through the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries were distributed in Bohol and Cebu that were ravaged by Typhoon Odette in December 2021. This is part of the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve Tier 3 programme. Typhoon Odette-affected families in Cebu and Bohol received 3,333 bags of rice each, weighing 30 kilogrammes per bag. The rice distribution is under the Memorandum of Agreement between the National Food Authority and the DSWD.

Source: The Manila Times. (2022, Jun 3). *Japan donates rice to typhoon-affected families in Bohol and Cebu.*

Viet Nam

The prices of Vietnamese rice export trend down in May 2022.

The export prices of Vietnamese rice moved in the range of 415 USD and 420 USD per tonne in May this year, down 3 USD per tonne month-on-month. The reason for the steady decrease is the surging global supply of rice, and the fall in the Indian rice export prices due to the soaring domestic supply and rupee depreciation. Furthermore, Vietnamese rice export between January and May 2022 amounted to 2.9 million tonnes worth 1.4 billion USD, up 10.3 percent in volume, but down 1 percent in value year-on-year, referring to the data from the Agro Processing and Market Development Authority.

Source: The Saigon Times. (2022, Jun 6). *Export prices of Vietnamese rice trend down.*

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