



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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The Philippines

The Philippines will reopen rice imports in January 2026.

The Philippines' Department of Agriculture (DA) will open a one-month rice import window in January 2026, allowing 300,000 tonnes of imports before reinstating the import ban from February to April to protect domestic prices. The government had suspended import rice from September to December 2025, aimed at supporting local farmers during the harvest season. The government expects previously approved import stocks to be depleted by the end of November 2025, leaving the country reliant solely on local supply in December 2025.

Source: Nation Thailand, (2025, November 3). *Philippines to import 300,000 tonnes of Thai rice.*

Thailand

The Thai Prime Minister attends the 32nd APEC Summit, aiming to boost trade and discuss a rice export deal with China.

The Prime Minister departed for the 32nd APEC Summit, aiming to strengthen Thailand's trade ties and economic cooperation. According to the Prime Minister, he plans to propose that China purchase 500,000 tons of Thai rice. He also mentioned potential talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping and other leaders, including possible encounters with the U.S. President.

Source: Nation Thailand. (2025, October 29). *Anutin heads to APEC summit, set to meet world leaders and discuss rice exports.*

Thailand's rice production, prices, and export value are falling.

According to the Office of Agricultural Economics (OAE), Thailand's 2025/26 main-crop rice output will peak in November 2025 at 17.38 million tonnes, which accounts for 63.8 percent of total rice production. As a result, the rising rice supply, as of 29 October 2025, the white paddy rice price in Ayuthaya province dropped to 6,200 – 6,600 THB (191.71 – 204.08 USD) per tonne, while the Hom Mali paddy rice price in Ubon Ratchathani province is quoted at 11,200 – 11,600 THB (346.32 – 358.69 USD) per tonne as the harvest yet to reach the market in full.

*1 USD = 32.34 THB

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Viet Nam

Viet Nam maintains 8 million tonnes of rice export target.

According to Viet Nam's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD), the autumn rice harvest in the Mekong Delta is nearly completed, with good quality despite recent heavy rains in some provinces. The government also reaffirmed its 2025 rice export target of 8 million tonnes. The price of 5 percent broken white rice is quoted at 595 USD (19,245 THB) per tonne, which is comparable to Thai rice prices.

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