



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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Indonesia

Indonesia still imports rice in 2025.

According to the Deputy for Distribution and Services Statistics, Indonesia imported 40,700 tonnes of rice in October 2025 from the main suppliers, such as Myanmar, Thailand, and India, valued at 19.1 million USD (approximately 317.51 billion IDR). In addition, from January to October 2025, Indonesia's total rice imports reached 364,300 tonnes, with a total value of 178.5 million USD (approximately 2.97 trillion IDR). According to Chairman of Commission IV, the government already has a clear policy that Indonesia will no longer open the tap for rice imports.

*1 USD = 16624.00 IDR

Source: VOI.ID. (2025, December 1). *Indonesia Still Imports Rice, BPS Records 40,700 Tons Entering In October 2025.*

Thailand

Thailand's rice price has surged to a 4-month high since July 2025.

Thailand's rice export price increases to its highest level since the end of July 2025, driven by flooding in the main rice-producing areas, while prices also climbed on news of sales to China and the appreciation of the baht currency. Thai 5 percent broken rice rose to 370 USD per tonne, an increase of 30 USD from the previous week, despite overall demand remaining subdued. According to Traders, although flooding has caused some crop losses, the situation is seen as beneficial for farmers due to firmer prices.

Source: Brecorder. (2025, November 28). *Asia rice: Thai prices hit near 4-month high.*

Viet Nam

Viet Nam's rice exports are expected to decline due to the Philippines' import ban. According to the Viet Nam Food Association (VFA), Viet Nam's rice exports are projected to decrease by 11.5 percent to around 8 million tonnes in 2025, mainly because of reduced shipments to the Philippines, its largest rice market. Rice exports to the Philippines have fallen after the country implemented a rice import ban in September 2025 to protect local farmers. Despite this slowdown, global demand remains strong, and Viet Nam plans to expand sales to other markets while shifting toward higher-quality rice. Officials are confident that exports can remain 8 – 9 million tonnes annually. Meanwhile, in the longer term, the government has plans to cut rice exports and to use the land to grow other crops to adapt to market conditions. In the Mekong Delta, Vietnam's rice bowl, some farmers have previously switched to shrimp farming and other crops due to the effects of climate change.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2025, December 2). *Vietnam 2025 rice exports seen falling 11.5% on Philippines import ban.*

Republic of Korea

The Republic of Korea bought about 20,500 tonnes of Rice.

The Republic of Korea (ROK) has imported an estimated 20,500 tonnes of rice. According to European traders, South Korea has purchased an estimated 20,500 tonnes of rice in tender, mostly from Vietnam, which consists of 20,000 tonnes from Viet Nam, 500 tonnes from Thailand. The purchase included four 5,000-tonne consignments of Vietnamese broken rice, purchased from MH Ethanol and Posco International at 328.36 – 344.86 USD per tonne. An additional 500 tonnes of Thai Hom Mali white rice were purchased at 1,046 USD per tonne.

Source: SS Rice News. (2025, November 27). *South Korea bought estimated 20,500 tons of rice in tender, mostly from Vietnam.*

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