



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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Indonesia

Indonesia stopped importing agricultural products, including rice, in 2026. Indonesia has announced a complete ban on rice, table sugar, and corn imports in 2026, citing rising domestic production and a push for national food self-sufficiency. The government has also scrapped plans to import industrial-grade rice, aiming to force manufacturers to source raw materials from local farmers. The policy aims to protect farmers' and breeders' incomes and strengthen the domestic supply chain. Officials say they are trying to improve yield quality and processing standards by increasing local sourcing. Additionally, the government believes that domestic surpluses will be sufficient to maintain price stability and ensure food security. The 2026 National Food Balance will serve as the roadmap for guiding the implementation of these measures and monitoring Indonesia's transition toward full agricultural independence.

Source: ANTARA News. (2026, January 1). Indonesia halts rice, sugar, corn imports in 2026.

Philippines

The Department of Agriculture will focus on fair rice prices, the P20 rice programme, and FMRs in 2026. The Department of Agriculture (DA) prioritises fair rice prices, the PHP20 programme, and the fast-tracking of farm-to-market roads (FMRs) construction in 2026. According to the Agriculture Secretary, these measures aim to sustain rice production, keep food affordable, and improve farmers' market access. The DA will continue the

National Food Authority's procurement at 17 PHP (0.29 USD) per kilo for wet rice and 21 PHP (0.36 USD) per kilo for dry rice to support farmers. Moreover, the government works with industry sectors to prevent import surges from depressing prices. Rice imports were capped at 3.5 million metric tonnes in 2025, down from 4.8 million tonnes in 2024. In addition, the PHP20-per-kilo rice programme under "Benteng Bigas, Meron Na!" will be launched in 2026 to support up to 15 million households. The DA will implement a 33 billion PHP (approximately 0.56 billion USD) farm-to-market road project, aiming to reduce post-harvest losses, lower transport costs, and improve market access, thereby boosting rural incomes.

*1 USD = 59.12 PHP

Source: Philippines News Agency. (2026, January 1). *DA vows to prioritize fair palay prices, P20 rice program, FMRs.*

Viet Nam

Viet Nam exported 7.85 million tonnes of rice in 2025, valued at 4.02 billion USD. According to the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment, Viet Nam exported rice total of 7.85 million tonnes in 2025, earning 4.02 billion USD. The Volume and value of exported rice have declined year-on-year, with export volume down 12.7 percent and revenue falling 29.4 percent, reflecting lower prices and weaker demand from traditional markets. Due to slowing shipments to key buyers such as the Philippines and Indonesia, Vietnam is shifting its export strategy toward high-quality rice and specialty varieties, including the award-winning ST25 and Japonica rice, such as the European Union, Japan, the United States, and China.

Source: VnEconomy. (2026, January 5). *Vietnam exports 7.85 million tons of rice in 2025.*

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