



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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Indonesia

Indonesia seeks significant chance to expand Indonesia's rice exports to Malaysia market

According to Indonesia's state logistics Agency (Bulog), Malaysia has requested about 200,000 tonnes of rice from Indonesia, which create a potential export opportunity. One of board directors has been asked to visit Malaysia to follow up on the request for further discussions with relevant parties. As a significant chance to expand Indonesia's rice exports and strengthen its position in the regional market. At the same time, the agency is ensuring it has enough domestic supply before finalizing any agreement. Moreover, Indonesia has reached 48.7 percent of its rice procurement target for 2026, with 1.9 million tons collected. Total rice stock is about 4.7 million tonnes and is expected to increase to 5 million tonnes soon, indicating strong supply readiness to support potential exports.

Source: ANTARA News. (2026, April 14). *Indonesia's Bulog eyes export opportunity from Malaysia rice request.*

Malaysia

Malaysia's Agriculture and Food Security Minister assured that the nation rice reserves are stable

The Minister of Agriculture and Food Security Minister urged the public not to panic-buy rice, assuring that the country's rice supply remains stable and sufficient until the end of the year

despite the West Asia tension. He also warned that buying more than usual can create a false sense of shortage, disrupt the market, and lead to higher prices. Households are advised to purchase with normal consumption levels. Moreover, the government reaffirmed there is no risk of shortage rice supply at current prices, emphasising that there is no need for panic buying.

Source: Bernama. (2026, April 9). *No Need to Panic Buy Rice, Supply Stable Despite West Asia Tensions.*

Philippines

The Philippines' Department of Agriculture (DA) assured that rice supply will stable throughout the year

The Department of Agriculture (DA) assured that the country's rice supply will remain stable throughout the year despite global oil price pressures driven by tensions in the Middle East. According to the Agriculture Secretary, supply will be secured through strong domestic rice harvests and steady global availability from major exporters such as Vietnam and India. In addition, the government is implementing measures to prevent potential shortages, including fuel subsidies, financial assistance for farmers, biofertilizer procurement, and logistical support to offset rising costs. The government also confirmed the continuation of the PHP20 rice programme, which uses rice purchased by the National Food Authority (NFA) from local farmers, thereby supporting both consumers and domestic producers.

Source: Philippine News Agency. (2026, April 14). *Freight and farms suffer fuel blows*

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