



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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Indonesia

Indonesia aims to achieve self-sufficiency in eight key food commodities

After achieving rice self-sufficiency by the end of 2025, Indonesia aims for a bigger milestone: achieving self-sufficiency in eight key food commodities, including rice, by June 2025, despite climate challenges. The rice stock is projected at 31.3 million tonnes, exceeding the 15.4 million tonnes needed. Moreover, Indonesia has also begun exporting products such as shallots and poultry, signaling a shift toward becoming a regional supplier. Officials say rising production and reserves will reduce import reliance and strengthen the country's role in ASEAN amid climate volatility and global geopolitical uncertainties.

Source: Vietnam Plus. (2026, April 23). *Indonesia forecasts surplus of eight key agricultural commodities by mid-2026.*

Thailand

The Ministry of Commerce announced measures to support farmers

Thailand's Commerce Ministry has announced new measures to support rice farmers facing rising costs, fluctuating prices, and global market uncertainty. According to the Minister of Commerce, the government will adopt an integrated strategy covering production, processing, and marketing, including a market-driven purchasing system to stabilise prices during peak harvests. Real-time rice dashboards to monitor domestic supply and demand, allowing for more precise production and sales planning. Moreover, the Ministry of Agriculture will focus on developing rice

varieties and promoting improved farming practices to improve the nation's rice productivity. In addition, the government is also expanding processing capacity through community projects to help farmers produce higher-value goods and delay sales. And the additional support includes paddy fairs, improved market access, and a fertiliser discount programme of up to 300 THB (9.23 USD) per sack. Thailand is targeting rice exports of more than seven million tonnes this year.

*1 USD = 32.50 THB

Source: Bangkok Post. (2026, April 27). *Rice prices in Asia soar as Iran war fallout threatens supply.*

Viet Nam

Viet Nam rice exporter faces pressure despite strong harvest

Rice harvesting in Vietnam's key provinces, including An Giang and Vinh Long, has finished with strong yields, reaching 6.7–7.8 tonnes per hectare, but a supply glut is straining storage and cash flow. The rice exporters are currently facing disruption due to Middle East tension, which is delaying rice shipment and payment, while the costs are rising, including borrowing costs and storage fees. Meanwhile, rising fuel costs are increasing harvesting, transport, and production expenses, while stricter trading requirements have slowed buying and caused local stockpiles. This has reduced the competitiveness of Vietnamese rice, with key markets like the Philippines delaying purchase at lower prices. In addition, experts suggest that the focus should shift from increasing output to improving quality. Cooperative farming models and high-quality rice such as ST25 are helping reduce costs and boost value, with demand expected to recover in the coming months, particularly from the Philippines and African markets.

Source: The Saigon Times. (2026, April 22). *Vietnam rice exporters under pressure despite ample supply.*

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