



WEEKLY UPDATE ON ASEAN PLUS THREE RICE SITUATIONS

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Philippines

The Department of Agriculture (DA) plans on 53 PHP per kilogramme for the local rice price

The DA plans to introduce a suggested retail price (SRP) of 53 PHP (0.86 USD) per kilogram for local rice to promote fair pricing, following the President's approval of a 50 PHP (0.81 USD) per kilogram price cap on imported 5 percent broken rice. According to the Agriculture Secretary, the SRP is intended as a consumer price guide rather than a mandatory ceiling, helping balance farmers' incomes with consumer affordability. Full enforcement of the imported rice price cap will begin next week after an adjustment period for retailers and consumers.

*1 USD = 61.65 PHP

Source: Philippines News Agency. (2026, May 19). *DA eyes P53/kg retail price for local rice.*

Thailand

Farmers urge the government to implement water management measures and fair compensation

Farmers in Phitsanulok are urging the government to reassess the Bang Rakam flood-retention project and ensure fair compensation, as many expect they will not meet the August 15 rice harvest deadline required under the scheme. According to the local representatives, farmers are not against the project itself, which is designed to reduce flooding in central Thailand and Bangkok, but

argue that compensation has been insufficient. According to Bang Rakam Mai mayor Wiboon Tangkasemwiboon, farmers lose one crop cycle annually and face four to five months without income because their farmland is used to store floodwater.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2026, May 12). *Farmers question water plan.*

Viet Nam

Viet Nam approved 70,000 tonnes of rice under the “Low-emission Green Vietnamese Rice” label

Viet Nam has certified around 70,000 tonnes of rice under the “Low-emission Green Vietnamese Rice” label, with the first shipment of more than 400 tonnes exported to Japan in June 2025. The certified rice has also entered European and Oceanian markets, reflecting growing demand for sustainably produced rice. According to the official, the certification programme currently applies to members of the Viet Nam Rice Industry Association, though more cooperatives are encouraged to participate. The initiative aims to support Vietnam's one-million-hectare high-quality, low-emission rice cultivation project in the Mekong Delta. In addition, the project covers over 170,000 hectares across 64 communes with 171 cooperatives involved in Can Tho. Authorities said pilot models have shown that low-emission rice farming is effective, while digitalised data and verified green practices are key to improving competitiveness and accessing premium markets.

Source: Vietnam Plus. (2026, May 14). *70,000 tonnes of rice granted “Low-emission Green Vietnamese Rice” label*

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