QUARTERLY UPDATE ON FOOD EMERGENCY MONITORING AND INFORMATION

Introduction

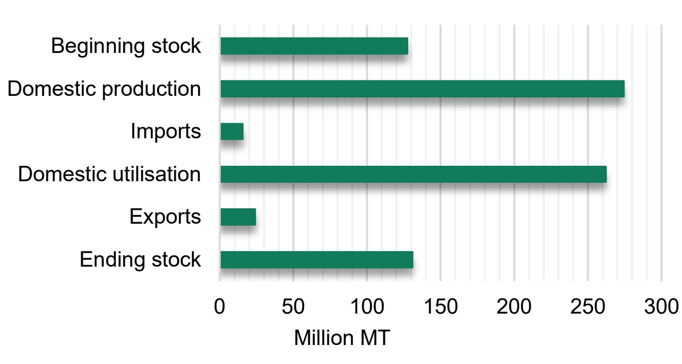
Quarterly Update on the Food Emergency Monitoring and Information (FEMI) highlights food availability status, specifically rice in the ASEAN Plus Three (APT), and is intended to be periodically updated four times a year, at intervals of three months. Assessment results of food availability are derived from four FEMI indicators consisting of Self-Sufficiency Ratio (SSR), Stock-to-Utilisation Ratio (STU), Output Gap (G) and World Price Growth (WPG). Also, supporting data primarily comes from the ASEAN Food Security Information System (AFSIS), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Thai Rice Exporters Association (TREA), the World Bank and other related government agencies.

The State of Food Security

Based on assessment by the FEMI indicators, SSR, STU, G, and WPG were all satisfied in the fourth quarter of 2025. The status of regional food availability for the APT maintained *'normal'* meaning that a state of emergency was not verified.

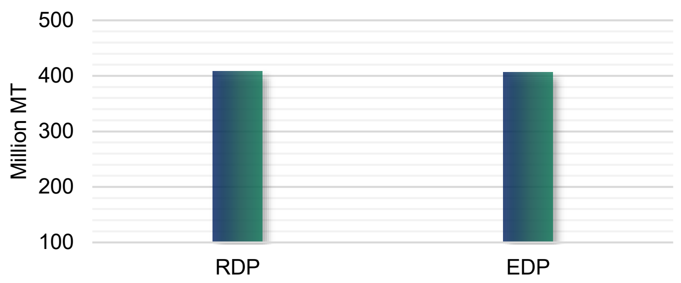
As illustrated in Figure 1, the APT produced 274.3 million MT of milled rice, and stocked 127.2 million MT of milled rice in response to 262.1 million MT of consumptions. This resulted in 104.6% of SSR and 48.5% of STU indicating that the APT had a rice surplus (>100%) and adequate rice stocks (>20%) for 417 million MT of the total demand.

Figure 1, Rice Supply and Demand of the APT



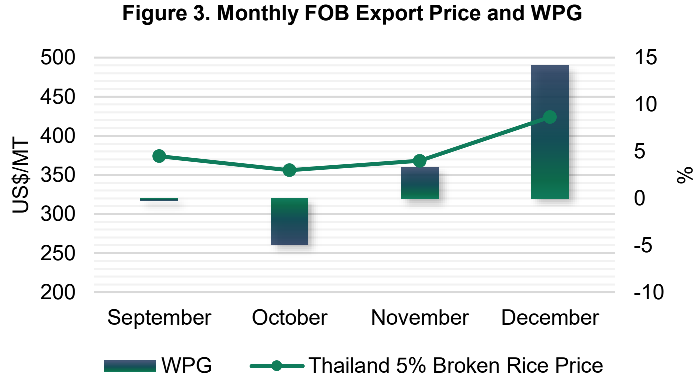
The APT did not experience G (<2%) which caused by extreme and unexpected calamities even though the expected domestic production (EDP) was updated to 406.5 million MT slightly less than the reference domestic production (RDP) to 408 million MT as shown in Figure 2.

Figure 2, Comparison between RDP and EDP of the APT



In terms of international rice trade, the APT exported 24.1 million MT and imported 15.5 million MT. Meanwhile, the monthly FOB of Thai White Rice 5% decreased by 4.93% from 374 USD/MT in September to 356 USD/MT in October. Yet, the price increased by 3.32% to 368 USD/MT in November, and continued increasing by 14.17% to 424 USD/MT in December as reflected in Figure 3. WPG which was applied for the APT implied that the APT could procure the needed supply through normal trades (<12.3%).

Figure 3. Monthly FOB Export Price and WPG



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