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## **Beans and Pulsed Monthly Trade - January**

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**Report Highlights:**

BM4006. Burma exported 84,139 metric tons (MT) of pulses in January 2014, a decrease of 8 percent from December. Despite a decline in exports, domestic prices for Matpe and Toor Whole beans stabilized due to continued demand from India.

## Trade

Burma's non-border trade exports of bean and pulse in January 2014 totaled 75,197 metric tons (MT), a decrease of 8 percent from December (Table 2) due to low demand from China, Vietnam, and Singapore during the Chinese New Year festival. Matpe (black gram) accounted for 66.5 percent of total exports in January followed by Toor Whole at 21.6 percent, and Mung beans at 9 percent. India accounted for 77 percent of total exports followed by the UAE and Vietnam (Table 1). In addition, informal border trade exports (mainly to India, Bangladesh, and China) were reported at 8,942 MT in January.

**Table 1 - Beans and Pulses Exports by Types and Destination in January, 2014 (MT)**

Designation	Butter	Matpe	Mung	Toor Whole (Pigeon Beans)	Others	Total
ARGENTINA			21			21
AUSTRALIA				18		18
BANGLADESH		434				434
BULGARIA		50				50
CHINA	70	1,440	168	120	72	1,869
HONG KONG, CHINA		360			24	384
INDIA		40,906	2,090	15,024	72	58,092
INDONESIA	48	612	242		325	1,227
IRAQ		120				120
ISRAEL			72			72
JAPAN	677	332		120		1,129
KOREA, REPUBLIC OF		240			108	348
MALAYSIA		701	243	135	135	1,214
PAKISTAN		960			264	1,224
PHILIPPINES			175			175
SINGAPORE		556	1,105	219	103	1,983
SWEDEN			24			24
THAILAND		844	173	45		1,062
UKRAINE			20			20
UAE	42	1,756	336	552	120	2,764
UNITED KINGDOM		24	72			96
USA		292	139		48	479
VIET NAM		394	1,907		48	2,349
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>50,021</b>	<b>6,787</b>	<b>16,233</b>	<b>1,319</b>	<b>75,197</b>

Source: Custom Weekly Data, MOC:

Other categories include kidney, bamboo, black eye, sultani, chick pea, brown beans and various beans.

**Table 2 - Monthly Export of Pulses in 2012-2014 (MT)**

Month	2012	2013	2014		
	Non-border	Non-border	Non-border	Border	Total
January	92,621	105,240	75,197	8,942	<b>84,139</b>
February	141,008	107,369			
March	158,944	124,895			
April	98,910	84,278			
May	209,040	85,802			
June	155,490	82,257			
July	267,010	90,434			
August	71,098	83,030			
September	79,215	71,274			
October	110,498	125,893			
November	80,369	70,074			
December	122,068	91,589			
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,586,271</b>	<b>1,122,135</b>	<b>75,197</b>	<b>8,942</b>	<b>84,139</b>

**Market Situation**

The Bayintnaung Commodity Exchange Centre reported that average domestic prices for Matpe beans increased to 625,000 kyat/MT (US\$ 636/MT) in the third week of January from 579,000 kyat/MT (US\$ 590/MT) in the end of December due to strong demand from India. However, prices decreased to 605,125 kyat/MT (US\$ 616/MT) at the end of January due to inactive trading among local traders during the Chinese New Year Holiday.

Domestic prices for Mung beans remained unchanged at US\$ 1,000-1,020 /MT in the Mandalay market in January due to lower demand from China and Vietnam. On the other hand, active new export sales to India led prices for Toor Whole beans to rise to 573,159 kyat/MT (US\$584/MT) in January from 505,221 kyat/MT (US\$514/MT) in December.

Exports of Mapte beans are likely to remain strong due to continued demand from India.

End of report.