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Report Highlights:

Burma exported 71,098 metric tons (MT) of beans and pulses in August, a decrease of 53 percent from the same period in 2011. Of this total, 66 percent (46,730 MT) were exported to India followed by Singapore with 14 percent (9,667 MT), and China with 11 percent (7,532 MT). Year-to-date exports for 2012 are 1,194,121 MT, nearly 20 percent higher than last year.

General Information:

Burma's bean and pulse exports in August 2012 totaled 71,098 MT, down 53 percent from the same period in 2011. Matpe beans (black gram) accounted for nearly 42 percent of total exports followed by Toor Whole beans and Mung beans with 31 percent and 19 percent respectively. Year-to-date exports for 2012 total 1,194,121 MT, approximately 20 percent higher than the same period last year. India accounted for 66 percent and Singapore 14 percent of total exports purchased.

Table 1. Bean and Pulse Exports by Types and Destination in August 2012 (MT)

Country	Butter	Matpe	Mung	Toor	Whole	Other	Total
India		21,905	3,560		19,102	2,163	46,730
Singapore	505	4,282	2,733		1,301	846	9,667
China	676	555	3,911		1,013	1,377	7,532
Thailand		612	675		369	102	1,758
Malaysia		911	627		34	123	1,695
Indonesia		120	831			24	975
Japan	210	425	250			42	927
Philippines		24	737			73	834
UAE		192	72		480	-	744
Vietnam		336	264			-	600
Korea	42	96				237	375
Pakistan			72			74	146
Italy		120				-	120
Kuwait						120	120
Venezuela						96	96
Canada					48	-	48
French			24			-	24
Madagascar		3	3		10	7	23
Poland			20			-	20
Ukraine		5				-	5
Total	1,433	29,586	13,779		22,357	3,943	71,098

Other category includes kidney, bamboo, black eye, sultani, gram, chickpea and brown beans

Table 2. Monthly Export of Pulses and Beans for 2012 (MT)

Months	2011		2012	
	Monthly	Cumulative Total	Monthly	Cumulative Total
January	81,145	81,145	92,621	92,621
February	87,418	168,563	141,008	233,629
March	87,129	255,692	158,944	392,573
April	81,307	336,999	98,910	491,483

May	156,987	493,986	209,040	700,523
June	151,929	645,915	155,490	856,013
July	198,514	844,429	267,010	1,123,023
August	152,261	996,690	71,098	1,194,121
September	153,963	1,150,653		
October	70,941	1,221,594		
November	64,104	1,285,698		
December	72,855	1,358,553		
Total	1,358,553		1,194,121	

Export prospects

August 2012 exports decreased 53 percent as compared to the same month last year due to the decrease in the wholesale prices of peas and beans in India. The FOB price for Matpe beans in Myanmar also decreased ten dollars per ton. It is expected that total production this year will be 4.7 million metric tons (MMT) higher, a 6 percent increase from 2011 due to greater demand from India. During the first eight months of 2012, total exports reached nearly 1.2 MMT. Post expects 2012 exports to reach 1.5 MMT, provided the Burmese Kyat exchange rate does not deteriorate significantly.

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