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Report Highlights:

Burma exported 79,215 metric tons (MT) of beans and pulses in September, a decrease of 49 percent from the same period in 2011. Of this total, 61 percent, (48,384 MT) was exported to India followed by Singapore with 24 percent (18,926 MT), and China with 7 percent (5,516 MT). Year-to-date exports for 2012 total 1,273,336 MT, nearly 11 percent higher than last year.

General Information:

Burma’s bean and pulse exports in September 2012 totaled 79,215 MT, down 49 percent from the same period last year. Matpe beans (black gram) accounted for 37 percent of the total exports, followed by Mung bean and Toor Whole bean with 35 percent and 21 percent respectively. India accounted for 48,384 MT or 61 percent of total exports, while Singapore accounted for 18,926 MT or 24 percent of total exports.

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

Country	Butter	Matpe	Mung	Toor Whole	Other	Total
India		22,920	11,149	14,193	122	48,384
Singapore		2,290	11,597	664	4,375	18,926
China	397	821	2,941	1,039	318	5,516
Thailand		867	1,038	382	35	2,322
Malaysia		689	196	72	2	959
Japan		503			103	606
Vietnam		246	192		96	534
Korea					492	492
Indonesia		240	120		-	360
Pakistan			281		12	293
UAE		173	72		-	245
Philippines		336	97		-	433
Canada				48	-	48
French			24	24	-	48
Sweden		25			-	25
Australia				24	-	24
Total	397	29,110	27,707	16,446	5,555	79,215

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	79,215	1,273,336
October	70,941	1,221,594		

November	64,104	1,285,698		
December	72,855	1,358,553		
Total	1,358,553		1,273,336	

Export prospects

September 2012 exports decreased 49 percent compared to the same month last year due to lower wholesale price of peas and beans in India and Myanmar. Year-to-date exports for September 2012 total 1,273,336 MT, nearly 11 percent higher than the same period last year. It is expected that this year's total production will be 4.7 million metric tons (MMT), a 6 percent increase from 2011 due to higher demand from India. During the first nine months of 2012, total exports reached 1.27 MMT. Post expects 2012 exports to reach 1.5 MMT.

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