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Report Highlights:

Burma exported 81,145 metric tons of beans and pulses in January, an increase of 26 percent from the same period in 2009, with 73 percent going to India or 59, 512 MT. Additionally, 12 percent or 9,456 tons of Mung beans (green gram) were traded with China all of it went through border trade.

Burma's beans and pulses exports in January 2011 totaled 81,145 MT, up 26 percent from 64,576 MT in January 2010; most of the shipments were destined to India and China. Matpe (black gram) accounted for 52 percent of the total exports, followed by Toor whole (pigeon pea) 28 percent and Mung bean (green gram) 18 percent. India and China were the largest buyers accounting for 59,512 MT or 73 percent and 9,456 MT or 12 percent of total exports respectively.

Only 6,400 MT of Matpe ready cargo (RC) and 1,500 MT of Matpe Special RC were traded in Bayint Naung wholesale market

Table 1. Beans and Pulses Exports by Types and Destination in January, 2011 (MT)

Country	Butter	Matpe	Mung	Toor Whole	Other	Total
India		34,186	2,982	22,344		59,512
China			9,456			9,456
Indonesia		3,376	1,280			4,656
Japan		2,954				2,954
South Korea		1,689				1,689
Singapore			1,193			1,193
Thailand					1,000	1,000
Malaysia					685	685
Total		42,205	14,911	22,344	1,685	81,145

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

Table 2. Monthly Export of Pulses and Beans for 2009-2010.

Months	2010		2011	
	Monthly	Cumulative Total	Monthly	Cumulative Total
January	64,576	64,576	81,145	81,145
February	125,428	190,004		
March	133,315	323,319		
April	57,379	380,698		
May	69,025	449,723		
June	79,447	529,170		
July	72,910	602,080		
August	72,791	674,871		
September	70,381	745,252		
October	63,587	808,839		
November	46,277	855,116		
December	117,453	972,569		

Average exchange rate in January: one US\$= Kyat 844

Export prospects

Month-to-month exports decreased 31 percent from December of 2010, from 117,453 MT to 81,145 MT, as traders needed to liquidate all their contracts before year's end. However, the outlook for 2011 is more favorable as demand from China is picking-up, record yields due to unexpected rain and higher prices. The export volume for the year 2011 is expected to be 1.5 million MT.

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