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Beans and Pulses Monthly Trade Report - March

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Report Highlights:

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General Information:

Trade

Burma exported 206,703 tons of beans and pulses in March, a decrease of 28 percent from the same period in 2008 following lower demand from India. Toor Whole (Pigeon pea) accounted for 55 percent of the total exports, followed by Matpe (24 percent) and Mung beans (15 percent). The major destination in March was India accounting for 89 percent of total bean and pulse exports. Japan, a regular market for Burmese Butter beans (Lima beans), imported 2,571 tons in March.

March Beans and Pulses Exports by Destination (MT)

	Butter	Matpe	Mung	Toor Whole	Other	Total
Australia					24	24
Africa			24			24
Angola					24	24
Belgium			34			34
Bahrain		12				12
Belarus					42	42
China	40				508	548
Czech					114	114
Egypt					696	696
Germany		24			20	44
India	166	45,605	23,667	110,749	2,941	183,128
Italy			25		23	48
Indonesia			1,032		264	1,296
Japan	2,571	256	41		242	3,110
Korea	42		528		72	642
Kuwait			144		144	288
Latvia					44	44
Malaysia		288	24	767	119	1,198
Mauritius				24	24	48
Netherlands			258		23	281
Pakistan		1,507			237	1,744
Philippines			216		120	336
Poland			46			46
Russia					21	21
Singapore		935	710	737	753	3,135
Sri Lanka			504			504
Saudi		48	120		118	286
Spain					46	46

Thailand		407	187	64	91	749
Taiwan			288		48	336
Turkey					24	24
UAE		384	2,923	953	552	4,812
United Kingdom		275	1,160		95	1,530
USA					22	22
Vietnam				110	1,357	1,467
Total	2,819	49,741	31,931	113,404	8,808	206,703
Other category includes kidney, bamboo, black eye, sultani, gram, chickpea and brown beans						

Beans and Pulses Exports (mt)	2008	2009
January	91,596	192,619
February	138,477	169,236
March	288,839	206,703
April	415,895	
May	209,967	
June	211,582	
July	165,710	
August	112,897	
September	89,437	
October	44,184	
November	93,283	
December	134,319	
TOTAL	1,861,867	568,558

Prices

Export prices for beans and pulses are set monthly by the Price Appraisal Committee:

Matpe (FAQ)	US\$ 500-550
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Butter beans (Lima beans) (FAQ)	US\$ 450-500
Mung beans (FAQ)(Pokkoku)	US\$ 600-650
Toor Whole red (Pigeon pea)	US\$ 550-600
Toor Whole white/red (Pigeon pea) (FAQ)	US\$ 530-550
Black eye beans (FAQ)	US\$ 450-500

Note: 1) FAQ= Fair Average Quality; SQ= Superior Quality
2) Average exchange rate in March is US \$1= Kyat 1,034
3) RC = Ready Cargo

Export prospects

Despite heavy supplies of new crop production entering the market, domestic prices remained unchanged. Export activity was quiet as most traders were uncertain about Indian demand while some exporters faced losses from depreciation of the U.S. dollar against the Burmese Kyat.

Exports should be more active in the next few months as demand from India is expected to rise.

Trade sources reported that 4,100 tons of Matpe (raw), 1,200 tons of Matpe (special quality ready cargo), 5,600 tons of Matpe (erady cargo), 2,350 tons of Mung beans, and 800 tons of Toor Whole were traded at the Bayint Naung wholesale market in Rangoon.