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Report Highlights:

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Trade

Burma exported 70,899 metric tons (mt) of beans and pulses in November 2009, a decrease of 24 percent from the same period in 2008. Matpe accounted for 74 percent of the total exports, followed by Mung bean 18 percent and Toor Whole and others 8 percent. In November, India remained the largest buyer, accounting for 90 percent of total exports. Japan, a regular market for Burmese Butter beans (Lima beans), did not buy Butter beans in November.

Trade sources reported that 7,850 mt of Matpe raw, 17,500 mt of Matpe ready cargo and 4,500 mt of Matpe special quality ready cargo were traded at the Bayint Naung Market in Rangoon in November.

Beans and Pulses Exports by Types and Destination in November 2009 (MT)

	Butter	Matpe	Mung	Toor Whole	Other	Total
India		48,335	11,803	847	2,623	63,608
Japan		161				161
Korea					148	148
Kuwait		24				24
Malaysia		265		25		290
New Zealand		24				24
Pakistan					1,678	1,678
Singapore		356	287		106	749
Sri Lanka		217				217
Saudi Arabia					72	72
Taiwan					23	23
Thailand		952	22			974
UAE		2,068	502	25	264	2,859
UK		24	48			72
Total		52,426	12,662	897	4,914	70,899
Other category includes kidney, bamboo, black eye, sultani, gram, chickpea						

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	82,743
May	209,967	74,501
June	211,582	321,187
July	165,710	118,805
August	112,897	70,334
September	89,437	63,216
October	44,184	116,089
November	93,283	70,899
December	134319	
TOTAL	1,861,867	1,486,332

Export Prospects

Despite a volatile Burmese currency against U.S. dollar, prices of beans and pulses in November flattened especially for Matpe beans, as traders actively purchased beans in order to recover from their diminishing stock levels. The new Mung bean crop production from the Upper Burmese region has entered the Rangoon market and the new Toor Whole bean crop production will enter the market at the the end of December.