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## Burma - Union of

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### Beans and Pulses Monthly Trade Report - September

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**Report Highlights:**

BM9023. Burma exported 63,216 mt of beans and pulses in September, down by 29 percent from the same period in 2008 following decreased shipments to India. India reportedly announced an invitation to bid on 47,000 mt of Lentils, Matpe and Toor Whole in October and November, as a result of reports that poor weather conditions may reduce India's bean and pulse production.

**Trade**

Burma exported 63,216 mt of beans and pulses in September 2009, down by 29 percent from the same period in 2008 following decreased shipments to India. Matpe accounted for 62 percent of the total exports, followed by Mung bean 29 percent and Toor Whole (Pigeon pea) 6 percent. In September, India remained the largest buyer, accounting for 86 percent of total exports. Japan, a regular market for Burmese Butter beans (Lima beans) did not import any Butter beans in September.

Additionally, trade sources reported that 2,700 mt of Matpe raw, 9,500 mt of Matpe ready cargo, and 2,500 mt of Matpe special quality ready cargo were traded at the Bayint Naung Market in Rangoon in September.

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

	Butter	Matpe	Mung	Toor Whole	Others	Total
Australia		46				46
Belgium			44	43	23	110
Brunei					17	17
Bahrain					24	24
Canada				48		48
India		34,726	16,044	3,130	640	54,540
Indonesia		24				24
Japan		262			81	343
Kenya			430			430
Korea	63				22	85
Kuwait		24		22		46
Lithuania					23	23
Malaysia		480	24		24	528
Pakistan		791			336	1,127
Philippines					50	50
Russia					44	44
Saudi Arabia			24			24
Singapore		647	742	405	139	1,933
Sri Lanka		97	119		72	288
Thailand		1,558	355		72	1,985
UAE		220	601	50	150	1,021
United Kingdom		48	144		120	312
Vietnam			96		72	168
Total	63	38,923	18,623	1,909	1,909	63,216

Note: Others include kidney, bamboo, black eye, sultani, gram, chickpea, and brown beans.

#### Beans and Pulses Exports (mt)

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
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	
November	93,283	
December	134,319	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,996,186</b>	<b>1,299,344</b>

### **Export Prospects**

In September, trading activities of beans and pulses were weak, except for the last week when many exporters, anticipating high overseas demand by the end of the year, actively traded beans and pulses.

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